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CAROLERS, chanting a song of pure gladness,
Worshipers, sounding a joyful refrain,
What are these tidings that conquer earth's sadness,
Echoing softly o'er city and plain?
Hark to the winds and the waters replying,
Jubilant, gladsome, their song seems to say,
Over the winter world floating and flying:
The little Lord Jesus is born King to-day!

FAR, where the Bethlehem valleys lay sleeping
Silent and calm in the peaceful moonlight,
Came there a burst of high melody sweeping,
Rhythmic and tender, one wonderful night;
Clearer it sounded, the silver stars brightened,
Softer, their brilliance faltered away,
Louder, the plain with fair angel forms whitened—
The little Lord Jesus is born King to-day!

SHEPHERDS, on guard where the tired flocks were resting,
Started at sound of the wonderful song,
Wise men rejoiced, as, their long-held faith testing,
Sweetly triumphant 'twas carried along;
Sages and toilers alike knew the glory
Of music and angels and heavenly ray;
Listen! We still hear their worshiping story:
The little Lord Jesus is born King to-day!

STILL to the thinkers and toilers who need Him
Comes the dear Christ-child when winter is drear,
Still, through His "little ones" we all may feed Him,
Clothe Him, and shelter, and cherish Him, dear.
So in the silence which follows earth's sadness,
Waiting, in faith, till the night pass away,
Angels shall come, with their message of gladness:
The little Lord Jesus is born King to-day!

ETHEL M. COLSON.

A RESURRECTED CHRISTMAS

By Elvira Floyd Froemcke

ON ONE of those misty, gray evenings so common to December, a certain street corner was suddenly enlivened by a gay whistle, a boy, a bundle of hand-bills and a bucket of paste. With the cold gaze of the electric eye upon him, the boy plastered a bill upon the tall wooden pole, and then stepped back to gaze admiringly on his work, and to give an extra dab or two at the loose edges which thereupon clung to their support in approved artistic style.

Three women were approaching from different directions, and, thinking to do a good stroke of business for his employer by attracting attention to his advertisement, he whistled very shrilly and quite off the key, as he slowly picked up his pail to leave.

One old lady stopped and exclaimed, impatiently:

"If you must whistle, why don't you whistle in tune?"

The boy only laughed good-naturedly, and took himself off in haste, but the two women approached uttering little expressions of surprise and pleasure; for they were old friends, and at the very moment of meeting each had been thinking over bygone days, when their lives were closely interwoven.

"Well, here we are," gayly exclaimed Estella; "three graces in ungraceful attire! Did you ever hear such a fearful whistle as that boy had? First he took me off my feet and then I frightened him into finding his. Do see him run," she added, as the youth disappeared round a corner.

"Are you going home?" she inquired

They simply answered: "Yes," and all turned to read the poster that had seemed to draw them together:

PROF. WENSEL
Lectures
Tuesday, Dec. 14, and Thursday, Dec. 16,
on
PSYCHIC MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

"Well!" they all exclaimed, "what does he mean by that?"

"It seems to me easy enough," said Penelope. "It is having the spirit or soul of the season within. I used to think of these things once, but Christmas seems a dead season now. Funny, too," she laughed, "when I have here under my arm 15 proof sheets of Alton's new Christmas story, which I am to correct this very night."

"And I," said Estella, "never celebrate the day now; though I am teaching six new Christmas carols to my pupils, and have an anthem in my music roll to practice for Christmas service in our little church."

"And I," puffed Urania, "have ten pounds of dried fruits for the Christmas mince pies. It all goes to those greedy boarders of mine, and I am too tired to know what Christmas means in these days. It is a dead anniversary and practical people have outgrown it."

A flare from the electric lamp sent a light over the three keen, intelligent old faces, and revealed three hands clasped closely and sympathetically. They were all well over 60, and their faces bore marks of sorrow, courage and well-fought battles.

Penelope and Urania were what the world calls "old maids" (loving friends would have another name). In youth Penelope had had family, home, wealth and ease; now all these had passed from her. She was merely a book canvasser when "the firm" required her services, or a stenographer or proof-reader when that sort of work pressed. Her "home" was a back room in a shabby house, on a dull street in the sleepy old city; her only relative, a brother, remained. He, alas, was hopelessly insane; yet the brave woman supported him, always spoke of him as "my weak-minded brother," visited him on every holiday, and strove with love and gifts to recall the poor wandering mind. In this duty she never failed; remaining as loyally true to him as to her young lover who had been drowned at sea 45 years ago.

Urania had been an only child, motherless from birth. Her noble old father had laid down his life for his country on the battlefield of Gettysburg, and, after mourning him so sincerely many years (assisted by numerous impecunious relatives), she awakened to the fact that her money was spent, her house mortgaged, and she was on the verge of ruin through their "care and sympathy." She plucked up courage, swept her house of kinsfolk, and went practically into the business at which she had played too long. She was plump, rosy and motherly, with great soft hands, a tender heart and a kindly spirit—a great contrast to the pale, ethereal Penelope and the slight, nervous Estella, but her very dissimilarity was an attraction to the others, their different characteristics serving to draw out the best side of their natures.

Estella had lately returned to the old town where all had lived in their early girlhood, and she brought a spirit that stirred to life many tender memories. She had had her sorrows. Widowed and made childless in the second year of marriage, she had to face the world and turn the art that she adored into a packhorse to sustain her life and carry her over hard bridges.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Now the three had met, and—well, they felt young again, and acted so.

"Three old pieces of driftwood toughened by the tide," said Estella. "Too old to celebrate anything, even a day antique as Christmas."

"I have heard that driftwood makes a beautiful fire for warmth and color," said Penelope, softly.

"Yes," added Urania, "and an open fire is so comforting. Three logs and a pair of well polished andirons—"

An unexpected laugh rang out; Estella was certainly forgetting nerves, and cold, age and infirmity.

"Do you remember," said she, "that awful Christmas we were forced to spend at Miss Verplanck's boarding school? Bless me, girls, it will be 50 years this Christmas! Surely you remember it?"

"Well, I guess we do," chimed in Penelope. "I was exiled because of scarlet fever at home; you because your mother and father were called to London, and dear Urania, here, stayed lest we should be unhappy; bless her!"

"Yes," added Urania, with a slight flush, "and do you remember the feast in Estella's room? How you knitted something soft and white, and Estella played minor things on the piano, till a tear dropped on one of the apples I was roasting for supper, and how you stuck your knitting needle in that apple, so that I should swallow my own tear. Then how we danced the Highland schottische, till little Miss Verplanck put her head in the door, and said, with that little cough of hers: 'A little less noise, young ladies, if you please.'"

"Let us do it all over again," cried Estella. "Come to my rooms on Christmas night at five o'clock. Urania may send the cooked chicken; you, Penelope, shall send the nuts and candies, and I will do the rest."

Prof. Wensel did not become richer in pocket through these old ladies, but if, as he said repeatedly in his lecture, spiritual rewards always found and enriched him, he must have been in affluence after this night.

People wondered why Urania laughed so much, one old boarder saying some one must have left her a fortune. Another thought she must be on the lookout for a husband, after which astute conjecture he gave extra attention to his hair and clothes, and tied his scarf with wondrous care.

Penelope worked with such zeal that her employers were surprised. One day she hummed a little tune to herself, at which the junior partner remarked:

"By Jove, there's plenty of courage and work in the old girl yet."

Estella spent every spare moment in making her two rooms beautiful and immaculate. She had ceased to grumble about the chimney place being draughty. It was no longer "an unsatisfactory heater and quite out of date." It was now glorious, such a perfect ventilator and so cheerful.

On Christmas day she was prompt at church. The anthem passed off capitally. Everyone was pleased. She visited the children's ward in the old hospital, and was so funny and lovely that the pale little creatures stretched out their hands to her, and laughed a little with their hoarse pain-laden voices. She had emptied her pockets of pennies to the beggars that beset her homeward path, and at three o'clock in the afternoon had dusted every article in the quaint room to a fine polish.

"TIME!" CRIED PENELOPE.

Two great broad windows overlooked a sloping hill and the roofs of many houses. Beyond lay the great gray ocean. A side window was shelved from top to sill, and filled with potted plants that bloomed profusely and overran the ugly red clay that inclosed them.

Across one corner stood the piano. It was the only really new thing at hand, and its polished surface took on shadows of the ancient grandeur about it, as if in apology for its presence here. Opposite the flower window was another recess filled with book shelves, where goodly reading was to be had between the shabby covers of many an old treasure.

A few easy chairs and tables lay cozily about; and the great brick fireplace with its brass andirons and high old mantel shelf was the heart and core of the room.

Estella laid the fine thin old cloth carefully on the round, polished table, garnishing it by pinning little sprigs of holly on its satiny surface.

She placed Urania's chicken by the warm hearthstone, and on a stool near by laid a basket of rosy apples and a pile of bread with the great toast-fork on guard. With much pride of manner she turned out a glass of crab-apple jelly into an old glass dish, and flanked it by another dish of brandied peaches.

"That will surprise the girls," she said, and laughed a little as she showered Penelope's lavish supply of candies in every conceivable little receptacle she could find.

Estella looked queenly. Her black satin gown was old, but she had drawn over the patched waist a fichu of soft yellow lace, and fastened in its folds a bunch of pretty old velvet wall flowers. Her hair had a trick of curling itself into proper places, and a glint of its old auburn tint was in its white sheen. Her eyes were bright and her cheeks rosy with expectancy.

Toward five o'clock the shadows grew heavier. Day was almost gone. Estella went to the window, looked out a moment on the sea. "Even the great deep is quiet to-day," she said, "and there is no poor lonely Estella this Christmas."

She drew the curtains, put a fresh log on the blazing fire and hurried to answer a timid little knock that came on her door.

As the gust of air rushed in she looked up to see Penelope and Urania with hoods off and hands extended, whilst they sang in nasal tones the old street waif's: "I pray you, merry gentlemen." Estella laughingly whirled them into the room, saying: "I am dismayed."

With many loving kisses, wishes for "merry Christmas," and soft little words, they were divested of wraps and furs and finally nestled down into easy chairs with the restful spirit of the hour floating lightly on their tired senses.

Penelope began knitting some soft, fluffy white thing that grew and grew in amplitude; and Urania, after examining the preparations for supper with pleased anxiety, busied herself with toast-fork and apples. Estella wandered about the room idly for awhile, saying a few words, and now and again touching the cheek or hair of her old friends with the tips of her slight fingers. Then, finding her seat at the piano, she drifted off into the land of music and ecstasy, a golden-haired child, softly beckoning the way.

Penelope and Urania kept a quiet accompaniment with needles and fork, and up the chimney tiny flame spirits danced, while the cheery logs sang a tune all their own.

As the last notes of "Chopin's Lament" fell on the air, a great tear splashed down Urania's soft cheek and fell into the snowy heart of the last roasted apple.

"Time!" cried Penelope, though her own eyes were moist, and she drove her knitting needle straight through the unsuspecting apple.

Estella sprang up and came laughing to the fireside. Then up jumped the others, and, singing the "Keel Row," danced about the table as in their school days.

The flames shot a pink light on the opposite wall, and made the dancing figures look like little girls. The old portraits on the wall took on a disapproving air, and the little flame spirits jeered; but the great logs sang a soft sweet song, and the dear Christ Child nestled close to the old hearts that had found Him, and caressed the wrinkled faces into images of love and peace.

Topic Cards.

A fine line of samples of Topic Cards for Christian Endeavor, Epworth League and Baptist Societies are kept at this office. Committees should call early and make their selections so that the cards will be ready by January 1st. This office can furnish them as cheap as they can be obtained in the city. tf

Edward R. Eves began his rounds as mail carrier on Saturday. The first trip he brought in two letters which in all probability will be the smallest number he ever will bring. All persons who desire their mail by carrier should have it addressed to Millville. A letter for a person at Welliversville addressed "Welliversville" will be sent around by Bloomsburg to the Welliversville P. O., but if addressed "Millville" it will go by carrier.—*Tablet.*

The Normal excursionists to Washington, reached there on Monday afternoon at 2:20, an unusually quick run. Among those who went were Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Lutz, Mrs. H. A. McKillip, Mrs. J. R. Schuyler, Mrs. C. W. Funston, Mrs. A. W. Duy, Miss Marie Funk, Miss Mabie Neal, and Guy Sleppy.

An entertainment will be given at the M. E. Church at Light Street, on Saturday evening, Dec. 29 th, by the Epworth League. It will be "A Trip Through Europe," conducted by Principal Mark Creasy of Hawley High School. Admission 10 cents.

The canal was lined with a throng of happy skaters Sunday. Up stream as far as the eye could see, young people were gliding gracefully over the glassy surface.

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BEN. CIDDING.

Come in and see us—we'll treat you right.

The Leader Department Store.

Diamonds.

A writer, in one of the daily papers, said that among the "upper ten," those who are accustomed to "six figures." it was not considered the proper thing for a woman to receive as a present anything which was to be used in house furnishing. That the proper gift for her royal highness—the American woman—was diamonds, expensive furs, or other "trifles."

Now, this may be all right for those who can afford to spend $1,000 where we can spend $1.00, but we're old fashioned enough to believe that one of the most suitable gifts is something which will make home more comfortable and more beautiful. So we want to talk to you about

Rockers and Rugs.

ROCKERS.—Our stock has been carefully picked. First, we take into consideration the comfort to be obtained out of the chair. They having made selection on this basis, we choose the prettiest of the most comfortable. That gives us the right kind of goods. Come down and try them. Sit in them, and think how much comfort such a present will bring to your friend. We have all the popular finishes and colorings, and the highest price is $10.00, from that down to $1.25.

RUGS.—A good second to the rocker. In fact, it really takes first place, for it is older, and the magnate of the Orient counts his wealth in magnificent rugs. We show some of the finest products of the American looms. The colors are artistic and the designs chaste. We show these in prices from $1.00 to $10.00. We will be glad to have you look these over.

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A REASON FOR CHRISTMAS

By Frederick E. Hopkins, D. D.
Pastor Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chicago.

THERE is a reason for everything good and for everything bad. For everything that succeeds and everything that fails. There is a reason for every peal of laughter, and for every moan of sorrow. A reason why there are holly wreaths in the windows on this side the street and crape hangs on the door across the way. A reason why the midnight cloud that hung over Bethlehem is covered with gold as when the full moon shines upon the sea, and angels are singing their "Glory to God in the highest," and a reason why a pale woman beside a manger clasps her babe to her bosom and looks up in Joseph's face and with quivering lips whispered: "Does Herod know?"

The Old Sexton.

And so there is a reason for this great Christmas anniversary. We know why island calls to island, and nation responds to nation, and continent hails continent, and hemisphere salutes hemisphere. We know why the world heaves its hosanna like an Atlantic surge over the battlements of glory. Watch the old sexton of the ancient cathedral. He rises about four o'clock and trims his lantern. We follow him down the street and up the hill, and suddenly before us, out of the gloom of the early morning, rises the great Gothic temple. The door closing with a bang starts a long roll of echoes up and down the church aisles like a drum call. He climbs the beifry steps and sets his lantern in the recess of a window and a long thin ray shoots from it across the church and the sculptured faces of many saints are lighted up. It is five o'clock. The sexton grasps a rope, bends his body and bows his knees till they touch the floor, suddenly drops the rope and it swiftly runs upward, and the tower trembles and the great bell, like a huge gun, booms: "Awake!" He grasps another rope and rings a second bell in the chime which repeats the message of the first: "Awake!" The bell ringer grasps another rope, and rings a third bell, and it responds: "Awake!" Then all is still. But as the music dies upon the air, far away comes the answer from another watch tower of Zion: "Awake, Awake! Awake!" And then from another tower, and another, till you would think the gates of Heaven were opening one by one and the church triumphant was listening to the salutation: "Awake, put on thy strength, O, Zion, put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem the holy city, break forth into joy, for the Lord hath comforted His people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem." Look at that old bell ringer as he listens to the music of the bells on Christmas morning, and see the tears upon his cheeks and ask him what it all means, and he will answer: "Jesus." Watch the organist as he sits at his instrument and bows his head for a moment. Is it any wonder that the thought rushes over his soul, as an inspiration from on high: "Here beneath my fingers are a thousand voices and never so willing to speak as on Christmas morning when the theme of their praise is Jesus." And if ever ministers of the gospel feel that their pulpits, however humble, are a throne, and that their talents are enlisted as ambassador of a king, it is to-day when they can talk of Jesus. And behold the multitude that is keeping holy day. Roman pontiff and Greek patriarch, Protestant bishop and dissenting preacher, all join hands as did the wise men and offer their gifts to Jesus. Avenues of our great cities thronged with worshipers going to hear the story as told by eloquent lips, as sung by the great boy choir of old Trinity or told in the antiphonal chant by priests standing in their stalls. Truly this day belongs to no sect, and to no creed, and to no party. But the reason we celebrate the day is that Jesus came to all. He belongs to all. He unites us all. He loves all. And we love Him.

The Organist's Prayer.

In the Cathedral.

A TRIFLE TOO ACRIMONIOUS.

"Oh, I just had to scream when I found myself under the mistletoe. Couldn't help it, you know."

"Possibly you were afraid your whereabouts was in danger of being unnoticed."

The Night Before Christmas.

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house
Everybody was sleeping as still as a mouse,
No stockings were hung and no presents prepared,
No Christmas-tree ordered, but nobody cared;
Or at least no one seemed to be troubling himself,
No turkeys were killed, no mince pies on the shelf—
No bright-berried holly was wreathed on the wall,
No mistletoe-bough had been hung in the hall.
'Twas surely the night before Christmas, and yet
Everyone in the house seemed this fact to forget.
But this happened in Norway, so nothing was wrong,
For their night before Christmas is just six months long.
—Carolyn Wells, in Judge.

Indispensable.

Mr. Billus—What are you going to give Bessie for a Christmas present?

Mrs. Billus—I think I shall give her a full length mirror for her room.

Mr. Billus—That settles the question easily enough for me. I shall give her a tough and durable floor rug to go to the front of it.—Chicago Tribune.

SOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS

By Elisa Armstrong

"WHEN you give a Christmas present there is everything in having it suitable," remarked Mrs. Wilder. "You agree with me in that, don't you, Tom?"

"M'hm," replied Mr. Wilder, who had been married 20 years. He did not for one instant detach his mind from his paper, as he gave this positive assurance.

"Yes, indeed; when I go selecting Christmas presents I put my whole mind upon it. No haphazard, indiscriminate present buying for me! I select something which is sure to please the recipient, because it is something which she really wants. Now, there is Laura; she is near-sighted, you know, and I bought her a lovely pair of opera glasses. She will be so pleased with them that she will send me something even more expensive in return."

"M'hm," replied Mr. Wilder, without looking up from his paper.

"I thought you would agree with me. Then there is Suzanne. I have sent her a lovely set of kitchen aprons, with pockets enough to delight the heart of any housekeeper. As for Effie, I have, after much

"I DON'T BELIEVE YOU HAVE HEARD A SINGLE WORD."

thought, selected her a beautiful umbrella with a handle which will exactly suit her taste. I shall expect something very nice from both of them, if only in return for my thoughtfulness."

"M'hm," replied Mr. Wilder, as he turned a page.

"Yes, and then there is Helen. I thought a great deal over her present. As she is a settled old maid and lives alone, it was hard to find something sure to please her. Finally I thought of a cat and got her a lovely Angora; wasn't it thoughtful of me? Of course, she will never marry and a cat is almost as good as a man about the house—both of them are difficult to please about their eating and so hard to keep in the house at night."

"M'hm," replied Mr. Wilder, as he ran his eye up a column.

"Yes, and I sent them all out by a messenger boy an hour ago. Here he comes back with a lot of notes, full of gratitude, I know, because each gift was so suitable. O, Tom, listen!

"'Dear Maria: Thank you so much for the lovely opera glasses you so thoughtfully sent me. They will no doubt be exceedingly useful when we no longer live in a suburb which is inaccesible after ten p. m.

"'LAURA.'

"Well, that is merely an accident, and the rest of my presents are so suitable that—oh, Tom!"

"'Dear Aunt: It was lovely of you to send me those beautiful kitchen aprons. They are the admiration of every woman in the boarding house where I live.

"'SUZANNE.'

"Oh, dear, I quite forgot that she is boarding; but the rest—Tom!

"'Dear Maria: It was very kind of you to send me such a lovely umbrella. I shall no doubt find it extremely useful as a rainy day companion when I have sufficiently recovered from the rheumatism to venture out when there is a cloud in the sky.

"'EFFIE.'

"Oh, my goodness, but there is Helen left. Surely her present—listen:

"'My Dear Maria: I appreciate your kindness in sending me such a lovely cat, but as I am about to marry a widower with seven children I fear that I shall not very well know what to do with it. Yours, lovingly.

"'HELEN.'

"Oh, Tom, isn't it aw—look here, Tom Wilder, I don't believe you have heard a single word of what I have been saying!"

"M'hm," replied Mr. Wilder, without looking up from his paper.

MISTLETOE MAGIC

By Frank B. Welch.

UNDER the mistletoe branch at play
In years long gone, on a Christmas day,
A lad and lassie, with stolen kiss,
Imbibed the sweets of ecstatic bliss.

Later in life, when the years had flown,
And youth and maiden had wiser grown,
Again they met on a Christmas day,
But not as children, in careless way.

Mistletoe hung in the chandelier,
Mischievous eyes were in hiding near,
Watching the lassies who danced about—
And kisses were captured with laugh and shout.

Into the frolic a baby strayed,
Toddling about, not at all afraid,
And, as it happened, the tiny tot
Paused right upon the mistletoe spot.

Forth to the rescue a maiden came,
Seizing the wee one, a kiss to claim,
And for a moment she lingered there
Holding the babe to her cheek so fair.

Then to her side with a bound there came
A laughing youth, with his face aflame,
On her lips an eager kiss he pressed
And maid and babe with his arms caressed.

'Twas lad and lass of the bygone day,
Who long had loved in a bashful way,
And there was renewed their childhood's troth
With looks that spoke from the hearts of both.

There Is a Difference.

"Christmas shopping isn't like other shopping," confided Mr. Gazzam to Mr. Tenspot.

"What is different about it?"

"When the women go Christmas shopping they actually buy things."—Town Topics.

A Friend in Disguise.

Crawford—I don't see how you can have a good word for the Christmas crowds.

Crabshaw—Why, old boy, I undertook to accompany my wife on her shopping tour, and if it hadn't been for the crowd I could never have lost her in the first store we entered.—N. Y. World.

A Definition.

Little Elmer—Papa, what is a Christmas green?

Prof. Broadhead—A Christmas green, my son, is a young man who, having fallen out with his best girl early in December, makes up with her in time to be compelled to buy her a Christmas present.—Judge.

Just the Thing.

Mrs. Bingo—I want to send my cousin a Christmas present as a remembrance. Something that has no value.

Bingo—Why don't you send her that progressive euchre prize that you won the other night?—Brooklyn Life.

WANTS ALL TO KNOW IT.

Little Boy (who has received a watch for Christmas)—Say, mister, would you like to know what time it is?—Fliegende Blaetter.

JOKES FROM LAST YEAR'S STOCKINGS

Consideration.

"Christmas is when people show how much they think of one another, isn't it?" said Mrs. Bykins.

"It is," answered her husband, with his characteristic glance of gloom. "It's when all the husbands begin to wear rag-time neckties and smoke rag-weed cigars because they love the giver."—Washington Star.

The Worm Turned.

Mrs. Cobwigger—While it's true that women wear men's neckties, you surely couldn't expect me to appear in public in such a monstrosity as this. Where in the world did you ever get such a tie?

Cobwigger—My dear, that's the one you bought for me last Christmas.—Judge.

The Every-Day Girl.

She goes to church, but not a sacred thing
Comes to her mind—indeed, her thoughts are shocking.
For while the choristers their carols sing
She thinks of what was in her Christmas stocking.
—Judge.

A Precaution.

"Why are you laying in such a big stock of neckties?"

"I don't want my wife to have any excuse for buying me one for a Christmas gift."—N. Y. Truth.

Appearances Against It.

Bobby—Ma says Santa Claus will visit us to-night.

Edith—I don't b'leeve it! Ma wouldn't be going round in that old dress if she 'spected any visitors!—Puck.

Pater Familias.

Some call old Santa Claus a myth
And think his power has waned here;
But, as for me, I can assert,
Each year I find his reign dear.
—Puck.

Cunning.

Jimmie—But your stockin's have holes in them.

Johnnie—Sh! I'm goin' ter put a basket beneath 'em.—N. Y. Journal.

Where Ignorance Is Bliss.

There are some children know too much;
To tell the truth, I pity such.
I pity them indeed, because
They don't believe in Santa Claus.
—Brooklyn Life.

SUITABLE HOLIDAY REQUEST.

"Say, Mistah Johnsing, will you lend me one of your stockin's fo' Christmas?"—N. Y. World.

Merely a Suggestion.

He told her that for friendship's sake
A Christmas gift he'd like to make.
She murmured—eyes upon her shoe—
"A nice engagement ring would do."
—Chicago Record.

DISTRICTS ASSIGNED.

Territory About Peking Placed Under Military Supervision.

SEVERE WEATHER MAY STOP FIGHTING

Presence of Allied Troops Alone Prevents Robbers and Boxers From Congregating—Envoys Meet Today.

PEKING, Dec. 19.—Count von Waldersee has issued an order assigning various districts in the neighborhood of Peking for supervision to the military representatives of the various powers. The order says that the extent to which the co-operation of the French and American troops can be depended upon is a matter to be determined by agreements made with the generals commanding those forces.

Under the plan the United States troops will supervise the district southeast of Peking from the road to Tshangtshang to the road extending from Nakukrin to Ho-si-wu.

Count von Waldersee says he knows that there is a considerable force of Chinese under General Ma in the northern part of the province of Shansi and another south of Tshang-tshang, but during the severe winter that has now set in he does not expect an aggressive Chinese movement.

On the other hand, wherever the allies leave a district for any length of time bands of robbers and Boxers will congregate. For this reason the field marshal desires the co-operation of all the allies to cover the various districts with strong patrols.

It is now understood that a meeting of the foreign envoys will be held today.

"It is reported from Sian-fu that the real director of the grand council is the empress dowager's favorite eunuch, Li Lien Yueng, who was erroneously reported dead last April. He is responsible for the general confusion and indecision. His latest suggestion is that the court should proceed to Nankin. General Tung Fu Hsiang is said to be still at Sian-fu. An imperial decree authorizes the governors of the provinces of Shansi and Shensi to sell titles and decorations for the benefit of sufferers from famine."

AGREED ON JOINT NOTE.

Great Britain's Proposed Changes Accepted by the Powers.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—"Great Britain's proposed alterations in the preamble of the joint note have been practically accepted by all the powers," says the Peking correspondent of The Daily Mail, wiring Monday. "Both Russia and Japan, whose support was regarded as doubtful, have agreed.

"Only the attitude of the United States remains as yet not clearly defined, but the acquiescence of America is anticipated, and it is probable that the joint note will be signed and delivered to the Chinese plenipotentiaries within three or four days. The German minister has warmly supported the British proposal."

"An experienced general with whom I conversed today," says the Peking correspondent of The Morning Post, wiring Monday, "considers a settlement by next spring improbable. He foresees some danger of complications here that will disturb the peace of Europe."

United States Embassador Choate had a long conference yesterday regarding the Chinese situation with the secretary of state for foreign affairs, the Marquis of Lansdowne, and subsequently Mr. Henry White, secretary of the United States embassy, paid a visit to the foreign office. The greatest secrecy is maintained as to the outcome of these consultations. What could be learned from British and American sources varied considerably, the former expressing annoyance and anxiety, the latter maintaining that nothing serious was developing.

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Bank Robbers Get Rich Haul.

HOPE, Ind., Dec. 19.—The safe in the Citizens' bank here was blown open by robbers and looted of its contents. There were five explosions in opening the safe. The telephone girl saw the flashes and called up a number of citizens. Postmaster Spaugh, one of the first to arrive upon the scene, saw a man on guard in front of the bank who ran inside the bank door just in time to avoid a load of shot from Spaugh's shotgun. The robbers fled with their booty and made their escape. It is not positively known the exact amount of money secured, but there was at least $18,000 taken. Three or four men were connected with the robbery. A party of 20 men are scouring the country in search of the robbers, who are now thought to be in hiding not far off.

Notable Woman Dead.

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Waggoner is dead here of paralysis, aged 70 years. She was the great-great-granddaughter of President John Adams and the great-granddaughter of John Quincy Adams. Her grandfather was killed in the war of 1812. Her father served in the Mexican war, her husband was killed in the civil war at Atlanta while under General Sherman, her son served through the civil war, and her grandson, Lieutenant Gardner, was killed recently in the Philippines. She was born in Carlisle, Pa., and had resided here since 1878.

Lost With Eleven Men.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 19.—The famous steamship Alpha, which led the Cape Nome fleet to Alaska this year, went to the bottom of Union bay, Vancouver island, on Saturday night. The storm that made the Alpha founder swept the whole coast, and telegraphic communication has not yet been established, the news being brought to this city by the steamship Czar. Eleven lives are reported lost.

Who Will Build the Ships.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The board of naval construction considering the bids for the construction of battleships and cruisers has settled these points: One of the big armored cruisers shall go to Cramps', one to Newport News and one to the Union Iron works in San Francisco. One battleship will go to the Fore River Engine works at Quincy, Mass. This leaves seven ships to be disposed of.

Famous Castle Burned.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15.—The Chateau Bel Oeil, the castle and summer residence of the Prince of Ligne, dating from 1146, has been destroyed by fire. The paintings and most of the principal works of art which it contained were saved.

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11	Suppressed or Painful Periods.....	.25
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13	Croup, Laryngitis, Hoarseness.....	.25
14	Salt Rheum, Erysipelas, Eruptions..	.25
15	Rheumatism, Rheumatic Pains.....	.25
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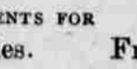
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The Genuine Article Here.

A city exchange says: "The buckwheat pancake, like a good many other things, has long been suspected of not being the kind of pancake it was a few generations ago. The editor of the Lancaster "New Era" who well remembers what the buckwheat cake was in its better days, makes bitter complaint about its changed condition. He charges it to the fact that Simon-pure buckwheat flour is no longer sold. It is adulterated with something which impairs its usefulness as buckwheat and does not give it value for any other purpose. It is demanded that some philanthropist shall come forward and furnish the public with the real thing. It will not be hard to do. There is no scarcity of buckwheat. There are 10,000,000 or 12,000,000 of bushels of it raised every year in the country! New York and Pennsylvania raise it in the plenty. Over in New York State they have great quantities of it. It goes into the mill all right and generally comes out all wrong and not the article we want. Wheat flour, shorts and bran are all said to be made to do duty as buckwheat flour.

The attention of the Pure Food Commissioner is called to the matter, because it is believed there is an adulteration that is contrary to the law."

We don't believe this applies to Columbia County. Fishingcreek buckwheat cakes have a state wide reputation, and the people of this county could not be induced to use any article but the real thing. The editor of the *New Era* can renew his youth by coming up here and eating some pancake that are "just the same as they used to be."

Wages Reduced at Steelton.

There was posted in the shops of the Pennsylvania Steel Company at Steelton a notice that on January 1 there would be a reduction of 10 per cent. in the wages of all employees of the works, about 6100 in number. The works are running on full time, and the men have been making wages of a very substantial character. Now the working men are annoying the spell binders of Dauphin county, who during the late campaign had so much to say about McKinley prosperity and the full dinner pail, by asking what this reduction means so soon after the election. They ought to know by this time. The same old bait is thrown to them every four years and they swallow it regularly. Promises of prosperity before election, and a reduction of wages afterwards has become chronic.

The Growth of Independence.

Neither the election of this year nor that of 1896 was won by the Republican party. Neither could have been won without the aid of that great and growing class of voters who, while they may have either Democratic or Republican leanings in affiliations or tendencies, give thick and thin allegiance to no party, but decide at every election, according to the facts then before them, which party they will vote with.

No party can succeed now in defiance of these voters, and the party which goes into the next campaign making the strongest appeal to their support will go into it with the best chance of victory.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

Complaint is made by the Johnstown *Tribune* that people who cannot get naturalization papers in the Cambria County Court find no difficulty in procuring them in the United States District Court at Pittsburg. Some forty persons seeking naturalization went from Johnstown to Pittsburg on a single day, accompanied by their attorneys. The most of them, it is alleged, had been refused papers in Cambria County. There is a great difference in Courts respecting these matters, but the law ought to be such as to require uniform practise.—*Ex.*

The Secretary of the Treasury has recommended that $75,000 be appropriated for the building of a new Postoffice at Wilkes-Barre.

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Expensive Funerals Discouraged.

The practice of providing expensive funerals, irrespective of the dead person's wealth or former position in life, was condemned by Judge Penrose in an opinion which he filed in the estate of Margaret Campbell, deceased in the Philadelphia court.

Miss Campbell was a domestic servant, and died intestate, leaving an estate valued $2842.89. At the audit of the account of the administrator, before President Judge Hanna, last October, counsel for the undertaker who buried Miss Campbell, presented a claim for $235.75, balance due on a bill of $435.75. The claim was rejected by Judge Hanna on the ground that it was excessive.

Counsel subsequently filed exceptions to the adjudication, claiming that the balance due on the undertaker's bill should have been allowed. Miss Campbell, he said, was an unusually heavy woman, weighing about 250 pounds, and a special coffin had to be made for her. Her burial, too, was attended with many inconveniences on account of her weight. He also argued that it was the custom of the Irish people to bury their dead with ostentation by having wakes and large funerals, and that the undertaker was carrying out the wishes of Miss Campbell's friends in having an imposing cortege.

"It is urged by counsel," Judge Penrose says, "that it is the custom with the race and class to which the decedent belonged to show their respect for the memory of the dead by lavishness in expenditures of this sort, and that the custom should be respected by the courts, when exceptions are made by the parties in interest.

"Our duty is precisely the reverse of what we are thus asked to decide. A custom which is 'contrary to the public good, or injurious or prejudicial to the many, and beneficial only to some particular person, is repugnant to the law of reason, and falls under the maxim 'an evil custom should be abolished.' The exceptions are, therefore, dismissed."

A Century's Commercial Growth.

Very suggesiive indeed of the enormous material process of the century which has now only a month to run are the figures furnished by Mr. O. P. Austin, Chief of the United States Bureau of Statistics, in the North American Review.

At its beginning (1800) the total value of all the commodities interchanged by the nations was estimated at $1,500,000,000. At its end it is estimated that it will be fully $20 000,000,000.

In 1804 the population of the world, as estimated by Malte-Brun, was 640,000,000; to-day it is about 1,500,000,000. So that while in the nineteenth century the world's population has increased by 135 per cent., its international exchanges have increased by 1233 per cent.

The bulk of this enormous increase in commerce between the nations dates of course from the appearance of the first steam railroad in 1852, the first ocean steamship in 1819, the first overland telegraph in 1844 and the first submarine telegraph in 1851. And as the fastest rate of increase in commerce was recorded between 1830 and 1860 we may conclude that the telegraph was the most stimulative agency of all.

The share of the United Staues in the century's expansion of international trade has been magnificent. It is summed up in the statement that our imports are about ten times and our exports about twenty times as large and valuable in 1900 as they were in 1800.—*New York World.*

An injunction has been issued by the Bradford County Court restraining collectors from receiving the side-path tax. The Attorney General of the State, in an opinion recently given, says, in writing to some Bradford county parties: "I can advise you of the status of the side-path law. Judge Simonton has declared this law unconstitutional upon every point raised and suggests its unconstitutionality on several points not raised. There is not much doubt in those who have studied the matter but that this opinion will be sustained by the supreme Court. Of course Judge Simonton's decision would not be binding in Bradford County, but it is pretty sure that a Bradford County Court would not rule differently, preferring to let the matter go to the Supreme Court in its present shape.

All the tanneries in Maine will be compelled to shut down very shortly on account of a scarcity of bark. Within a few years a substitute for bark will have to be used in the tanning process. It will probably be some vegetable product that can be raised the same as other farm crops, and thus another source of income will open for the farmer.

School Children Must be Vaccinated.

What is known as the "compulsory vaccination case" was appealed by Charles J. Field, the petitioner in the mandamus proceeding against Martha L. Robinson, Principal of the Keystone Grammar School in Common Pleas Court No. 2, of Philadelphia.

The litgation raised the question whether or not children must be vaccinated before entering the public schools. Mr. Field asked Court No. 2 to issue a mandamus compelling Miss Robinson to admit his 9 year old daughter, Victoria Field as a pupil to the Keystone School without being vaccinated. The petitioner attacked the merits of the treatment and the act of Assembly of June 18, 1895, which required that the safeguard against disease be taken among all children entering the public schools.

Miss Robinson filed a return, in which she alleged that she was required to refuse admission to the child, under the provision of the statute and rules of the Board of Education.

Mr. Field then entered a demurrer, alleging that the return was insufficient at law, and, after extended argument, the Court overruled the demurrer and entered judgment for Miss Robinson, thus upholding compulsory vaccination in the schools.

Throughout the anthracite regions there is a very general movement to organize trades unions. This has been encouraged by what is regarded as the success of the mine workers in their recent strike. The movement is to take in the street car men, barbers and employees of the breweries among others. The object of organizing the men in the breweries is to induce the owners of the breweries to grant an increase in wages and make wages more uniform. Brewers who refuse to sign the scale soon to be presented will be boycotted. As the laboring men are heavy consumers of beer, a boycott the mine workers claim, would seriously affect the business of such concerns refusing to recognize the union. Thus far the work of organization has been pushed only in Schuylkill County. When the men there are thoroughly united the work will be extended to the Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton districts. The mine workers believe that by next Spring most of the workingmen of the anthracite field will be organized. They will buy none but union-made goods and will patronize none but the friends of organized labor.—*Press.*

Pennsylvania ranks first among the States in the number of postoffices, having 5,255 according to the annual report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow. New York State is second with 3,735.

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Judge Lynch, of Luzerne, appears to have found a way to save the county from paying the costs in certain petty cases sent to court by Justices of the Peace. In one day last week the County paid out $10-000 in costs in discharged cases. It is not pretended that any such sum is paid every day on that account, but because it has become large enough to attract the careful attention of the authorities, not only there, but in other counties. On the following day a lot of similar cases were before Judge Lynch, and as usual, in nine-tenths of them the prosecution failed to appear. In all of these the Judge discharged bail, permitted the defendant to go at large, but continued the case. In this way it is left open, and while it so remains the justice does not get his fees. It remains to be seen how the Justices will take this If they have no remedy, and are unable in any way to get their fees under such action of the Court, it may be accepted as certain that the number of petty cases sent up by them will be very much reduced. And Judge Lynch has shown other Judges how to do it.—*Towanda Argus.*

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NORTHUMBERLAND	7 35	1.50	10 00	5 50
Cameron	6 47	2 11	....	6 03
Chulasky	....	....	....	....
Danville	6 58	2 13	10 19	6 14
Catawissa	7 12	2 24	10 34	6 27
Rupert	7 17	2 29	10 37	6 32
Bloomsburg	7 24	2 34	10 43	6 38
Espy	7 32	2 40	10 48	6 44
Lime Ridge	7 39	2 46	....	6 50
Willow Grove	7 44	2 53	....	....
Briarcreek	7 49	2 58	....	6 58
Berwick	7 56	3 01	11 05	7 05
Beach Haven	8 02	3 08	....	7 12
Hick's Ferry	8 12	3 09	....	7 21
Shickshinny	8 17	3 20	11 29	7 31
Hunlock's	8 32	3 31	....	7 41
Nanticoke	8 38	3 38	11 43	7 46
Avondale	3 42	3 42	....	....
Plymouth	8 47	3 47	11 51	7 35
Plymouth Junction	8 51	3 52	....	....
Kingston	8 53	4 20	11 59	8 02
Bennett	9 01	4 03	....	8 04
Forty Fort	9 04	4 07	....	....
Wyoming	9 09	4 12	12 08	8 12
West Pittston	9 13	4 17	....	8 16
Susquehanna Ave	9 16	4 20	12 14	8 18
Pittston	9 19	4 24	12 17	8 16
Duryea	9 23	4 29	....	8 25
Lackawanna	9 26	4 32	....	8 57
Taylor	9 32	4 40	....	8 55
Bellevue	9 37	4 45	....	....
SCRANTON	9 42	4 50	12 35	8 45

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Taylor	6 55	10 15	2 03	5 59	
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Duryea	7 13	10 26	2 13	6 09	
Pittston	7 07	10 31	2 17	6 13	
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West Pittston	7 13	10 35	2 23	6 19	
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Bloomsburg	8 44	12 22	4 12	7 57	
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Catawissa	8 54	12 32	4 22	8 05	
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7.03	11.57	6.14	2.08	" Main st.	8.52	2.45	6.40	..
6.58	11.47	6.02	1 50	Paper Mill.	9.01	2.54	6 51	6.37
6.50	11.43	5.59	1.45	Light St.	9.05	2.59	5.55	6.50
6.40	11.33	5.49	1.30	Orangeville.	9.15	3.10	7.04	7.10
6.39	11.2?	5.38	1.00	Forks	9.23	3.20	7.14	7.35
6.25	11.19	5.34	12.58	Zaner's	9.27	3.24	7.18	7.45
6.18	11.13	5.27	12.45	Stillwater	9.33	3.30	7.24	8.00
6.08	11.05	5.17	12.3?	Benton	9.43	3.40	7.34	8.30
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6.02	10.58	5.10	12.05	Cole's Cr'k.	9.50	3.47	7.4?	8.46
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5-43	10.43	4.53	11.45	Central	10.10	4.07	8.01	9.25
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1900.

QUO WARRANTO PROCEEDINGS.

Co. Comm'r Krickbaum Asked to Show by What Authority He Holds Office.

He is Charged With Violation of Law That Will Remove Him if Proven.

It has been quite a long time since anybody about the Court House has been charged with official crookedness, or individual dishonesty. So long that the public had settled down again into the belief that once prevailed through the county, that there is such a thing as an honest official. But now all this peacefulness is ended for the time being, and there is turmoil in the air. A petition has been filed by District Attorney John G. Harman, asking for a writ of Quo Warranto, directed to William Krickbaum, to show by what authority he holds the office of County Commissioner. The District Attorney is not the originator of the proceeding, but his name is used because, legally, he is the only person who can ask for the writ in such a case.

The petition charges Mr. Krickbaum with having made a number of contracts, officially, with himself personally, and received pay from the county, which, it is claimed, is forbidden by law, and for which, if proven, he could be removed from office. As the case has not been heard yet by the Court, we withhold the details. Judge Little has granted the writ, and fixed December 31st for a hearing.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened at nine o'clock a. m. Saturday.

Commonwealth vs. J. Wellington Manning. Charge F. and B. Plea Guilty.

Court sentenced defendant to pay costs of prosecution; a fine of $15.00 to Commonwealth; $15.00 lying-in expenses; that you pay to the mother of the child $15 for the support of the child up to the present time and also that you pay the sum of $1.25 per week, payable quarterly, until the child arrives at the age of seven years, if it shall so long live. Give security to Bloom Poor District, etc., in the sum of $200.00. Stand committed, etc.

George B. Nicholas appointed guardian of Mary F. Nicholas, minor child of G. B. Nicholas. Bond approved.

C. M. Crevefing, executor, vs. J. G. Swank, et al. Judgment for want of appearance against defendants in the sum of $150.00. Interest from Sept. 21st, 1900.

John F. Bentz & Son vs. M. I. Hennessy. Judgment for want of appearance.

Estate of Billington Ruckle. Exceptions to account and appointment of auditor filed.

Farmers' Mutual Ins. Co., of Middle, Pa., to use of Harry S. Knight receiver, vs. Sylvester Heath. Motion for new trial. Argument.

Same vs. Bartold Kierhoft. Motion for new trial. Argument.

Court adjourned to meet at 9. a. m., Monday, Jan. 7th, 1901.

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THE NEW SOUTH.

Observations of Rev. M. E. McLinn While on a Recent Trip to North Carolina.

In this vast country of ours there are many changes and transformations, but possibly none more remarkable than in the South; especially because of its former condition.

The new South is apparent even to the casual observer as he travels through that region, and the new seems to grow like a green shoot from an old and partly decayed stump, and with the enlargement of the new the old dies away. The marks of the old to some extent still remain in the old plantation mansion—the Mt Vernon style of building with its pillared front—crowning the summit of some hill and surrounded with its Negro quarters; it is seen in the straggling dirty streets of the towns and villages. The signs of the hotels with the "Corn and Rye" for sale at the bar, and last, but not least, in the ever present darkey and his mule. Many of the ways and customs of that past era are still visible. The easy-going, careless, shiftless disposition of the colored man and the good natured, hospitable, but high strung character of the whites. But, the evidences of the New South are many, and they crop out very plainly and stand upon the surface of things. Now you detect them in the new style of building; the neat, trim farm house and large barn, all nicely painted and enclosed with a pretty white-washed fence, and the signs of a new and more thorough cultivation in the fields, the new and convenient school houses, the improved roads, the later implements of husbandry, the dress and manner of some of the people, the more modern appearance of some of the streets and homes in the towns, and the general tone and tenor of the inhabitants, because of the ever exerted pressure of the present age, the rush and push of business, and the changes by means of the marvelous inventions and progress of the times. One might as well try to keep out the sunlight as to be uninfluenced by these things. And so the South is slowly, but surely, changing.

North Carolina impresses one as being a state of great possibilities, when you are ready to forget the many signs of primitive conditions. One of the things you notice is the bright red color of much of the soil;, not like the duller red of our northern shales, but intensely red, doubtless due to the abundance of Manganese ore. But this soil, with careless treatment, scarcely any fertilizer, and shallow ploughing, brings forth its profitable crops of cotton, tobacco and corn, from year to year and century to century. The rains of the ages have descended upon it in great gullies, but the contented husbandman ploughs around them, 'though in some of them he could bury his little house out of sight. There is an absence of flocks and herds grazing over the fields, which is such a welcome and comforting sight with us. There are no fences to break the sameness of the view, or to give your eye relief. Most of the woods are made up of the scrub pine, which is so universal there, 'though there are other trees, such as the oak, ash, poplar, and some hickory, but very few of them are really large size.

One thing that impresses a northern beholder is the dreariness of the landscape. No houses and barns, no signs of life in the fields, no living beauty in the surroundings—all dead and dark and silent as if forsaken by God and man. The low, dark shanties, the tumble-down stables, the washed fields, the monotonous pines, the snakelike roads winding through the fields, that a stranger dare not risk to take, lest they should lead him to a shanty in an open field, and there suddenly stop. And yet one is surprised to meet so many teams upon the road with cotton, wool and other products; while occasionally a finer one will meet and pass you, and you wonder where all these evidences of life spring from. You know they do not come up out of the earth, but you can see so few respectable places, from which they might issue forth. There is, however, no real poverty or distress in all the region; for it seems the farmer need only to tickle the soil with a shallow plow, and it laughs with a profitable harvest. And with good prices for corn, cotton and other products, there is a good living for any one who wants it. The evidences of "trust" control are there also, for an effort is making to limit the cotton crop to a smaller number of bales, in order that the price may advance.

Gold is not a fancy article in North and South Carolina; the output is considerable and no craze over individual finds. They seem to work the mines with paid labor and send the separated gold to the Charlotte agency, where it is refined, moulded into bars, and sent to the Philadelphia mint. We had the pleasure of seeing a $7500 bar of gold, ready to ship, which had just been melted and purified and cooled in a mould. Its weight was about thirty-five pounds. This quantity of gold was a two-weeks' product of one mine, and it is said this mine yields about $150,000 per year.

Charlotte is a city of nearly 20,000 inhabitants, and has both beauty and historic interest, though a great portion of it is unattractive, being made up of straggling streets, with negro shanties. The remaining part is solidly built with fine residences or business houses, doing a thriving trade, so far as observation can lead us to form an opinion. The wholesale, retail and manufacturing activity and prominence of Charlotte, is a matter of comment in the South, and gives it a name among the principal places there. There are a number of historic spots and marked events. Iron slabs denote the points where Cornwallis had his headquarters, where Washington lodged, where Jefferson Davis heard of Lincoln's death, and where the Queen's museum was located, back in the eighteenth century. A large granite shaft is suitably engraved to show that a declaration of independence from Great Britain was declared by the patriots of that country, which antedates that of the Colonies at Philadelpnia. It is everywhere in evidence that the blacks outnumber the whites, a fact which has given use to many social and political troubles there, and which will, doubtless, cause more, yet it is to be hoped they will settle all these questions in righteousness, and for the highest good of all concerned. These things must be outlived, they cannot be set aside or removed. Over the greater portion of North Carolina you are looking upon a part of the Atlantic plain, a stretch of level country extending for a thousand miles or more along the seaboard, with a width of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred miles, and in greater part with a fertility of soil that speaks of great things for the future. Let once these vexing questions be settled, immigration enter there, and these vast resources be utilized, and more modern methods instituted, and then for climate and soil and advantages, we shall see there a garden spot of the earth.

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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1900.

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FARM JOURNAL.

We are notified by the publishers of *Farm Journal* that their clubbing arrangement will end with 1900. We can supply them up to January 1st 1901, but not after that. All persons paying for the COLUMBIAN a year in advance before January 1st will get the *Farm Journal* for four years free. After that it will be too late. This is the last chance. Don't miss it. 5t

Legal advertisements on page 7.

We wish all our readers a merry Christmas.

Leases and notices to quit, for sale at this office. tf.

Try the Dewey Exercisers, for sale by J. G. Wells.

There was a thin covering of ice on the river Monday.

Dumb Bells and Indian Clubs, for sale by J. G. Wells.

We have a very nice line of small photo frames, with prices reasonable and many kinds at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Members of the Benevolent Order of Elks can obtain address cards with handsome designs at this office. tf

Mrs. M. A. Watson has a large line of fall hats including the latest styles. Call and see them, Main street below Market. tf

The family of A. J. Lyons, of Sereno, is sorely afflicted. Four members of the household are sick with typhoid fever.

Lameness in the muscles and joints indicates rheumatism. Don't dally with it a minute. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla and cure it.

If you are intending to buy a Christmas present either great or small we want to see you at J. H. Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

A shooting match with turkeys, geese, and ducks as the prizes will be conducted by landlord A. C. Hidlay, at the Rupert Hotel, on Saturday next.

We have put in a stock of some very beautiful mirrors for Christmas presents for some body. See them and be convinced of their beauty at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Montour and Columbia Telephone.

We are now all ready to show you the most beautiful line of

CHRISTMAS * GIFTS

WE HAVE EVER SHOWN.

OUR LEADERS:

Sterling Silver Goods—925 fine.
Ebony Toilet Goods—beauties.
Leather Goods—in abundance.
Hand-Painted China—beautiful line.
Fine Perfumes—beautiful packages.
Baker's Fine Confections — finest made.
Lyon's Chocolate Creams—imported.
Cut Glass—in fine toilet bottles.
Traveling Cases—$1.00 to $6.50.
Fine Cigars—imported and domestic.
☞ Come in and see our line.

NOTHING BUT GOOD GOODS AT RIGHT PRICES.

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W. S. Rishton, Ph. G.

Ent Building. Pharmacist

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Hosiery, 10c., two for 25c., and 25c, 50c per pair, at Ben Gidding's

People are asking, have you been in to see Bidleman's art display? You are invited.

Nice storm coats, the celebrated warm back, sold only by us, and made by Hart, Schaffner & Marx. Ben Gidding.

Pictures at S. R. Bidleman's from 5c. to $10.00. Come in and see them whether you wish to buy or not.

Smoking jackets at Ben Gidding's.

Before making your purchases don't fail to see the Lowelsa ware, made by exactly the same process as Rockwood's. Geo. W. Hess.

A nice little suit for your boy at Ben Gidding's.

Everything thought of for a good Christmas dinner at Tooley & Co.'s.

Bath robes and night shirts at Ben Gidding's.

Japanese fans, 30c up at J. Lee Martin's.

Tuxedo coats and full dress suits at Ben Gidding's.

Quadruple plate knives and forks, special Geo. W. Hess brand, guaranteed for ten years' wear, at Geo. W. Hess'.

Umbrellas at Ben Gidding's.

We desire a little of your patronage? Housel & Son.

A nice present for your husband or son is a fine Monarch shirt from Ben Gidding's.

All kinds of copying and enlarging is being done at The Beagle Studio.

Toques at Ben Gidding's.

The best is none too good for Bloomsburg. Nuf sed. Housels' Bloomsburg market.

Don't forget we are headquarters for celebrated makes of shirts. Ben Gidding.

1847 Roger Bros'. and Holmes & Edwards' silver plated ware at Geo. W. Hess'.

People are asking, have you been in to see Bidleman's art display? You are invited.

Japanese China pin trays, jewel boxes, ring trays, comb and brush trays, salad dishes, chocolate sets, all prices at J. Lee Martin's.

Pictures at S. R. Bidleman's from 5c. to $10.00. Come in and see them whether you want to buy or not.

J. E. Roys' line of holiday goods must be seen to be appreciated. All articles hand engraved free.

The largest line of toy books in town can be seen at Bidleman's Book Store for 5 cents upward.

Genuine Edison Phonographs and records at Geo. W. Hess.' Come in and hear it.

The largest line of toy books in town can be seen at Bidleman's Book Store for 5 cents upward.

Do not send to the city for books, bring your list, with the lowest prices you can find, I will get them for you.
S. R. BIDLEMAN.

If you want something in a fine hat for a Christmas present, don't forget our Youman at $5.00.
Ben Gidding.

Genuine ebony hand mirrors $2.45. Ebony brush and comb sets in case $1.85. Sterling silver brush and comb sets in case $2.75 to $6.50. All articles hand engraved free at J. E. Roys' Jeweler.

For a real nice Xmas present go to Townsend's Star Clothing House.

For a nice valise, come in and see us. Ben Gidding.

Books, games and toys, at J. Wesley Moyer's.

Xmas! Xmas! Xmas! The right place to look for a nice Xmas present, for father, brother or friend, is at Townsend's.

Jewelry of every description, stick pins, brooches, charms, chains, everything in the jewelry line. Prices reasonable at J. Lee Martin's.

Your choice of hundreds of cups and saucers, tea and coffee, after dinner sizes, with gold trimmings and beautiful decorations, at L. E. Whary's.

If you buy at Housel's you live good.

All sizes of jardinieres and pedestals—a splendid holiday article—at L. E. Whary's.

Buy your ties, suspenders and other furnishing goods at Gross'. A fine line on hand.

If you want a useful Christmas present, buy an overcoat of Gross. He has reduced the price on men's, boys' and children's.

Everything good is our specialty. Housel & Son.

T. G. Hawkes', Dorflinger's and Mt. Washington cut glass, at Geo. W. Hess'.

We are headquarters for oysters. C. R. Housel & Son.

Ladies' gold filled 'o' size watch guaranteed fifteen years for $10. J. E. Roys.

If you are undecided about what to give for a Christmas present, call on L. E. Whary. You are sure to be satisfied.

All articles bought at J. E. Roys' Jewelry Store will be beautifully hand engraved without extra charge.

Gloves in Pearl, Mocha, silk lined, or unlined, tan Mochas and kids, at Ben Gidding's.

People are asking, have you been in to see Bidleman's art display? You are invited.

8-day half-hour strike clocks at $2.50 up at Geo. W. Hess'.

Rarities of the season are our specialties. Housel & Son.

Fine photographs at the Beagle Studio, will be made for $2.00 during December.

Sterling novelties from 10c up at J. Lee Martin's.

Sterling silver, gold filled, ivory and pearl handle, finest quality, perfect shape umbrellas, at Geo. W. Hess'.

Leather goods, imported and domestic pocket books, card cases, bill rolls, etc., 50c up at J. Lee Martin's.

All work at The Beagle Studio will be finished before Christmas.

China and gilt clocks $1.25 up at J. Lee Martin's.

Go to J. Wesley Moyer's for Christmas novelties.

People are asking, have you been into see Bidleman's art display? You are invited.

Good watches, for boys or men, fully guaranteed, only $1.40 up. at Geo. W. Hess'.

Don't forget to see our candy before you buy elsewhere. Our candies are fresh and clear sugar, and cheap. Toys, and all kinds of taffies, at 10c. a pound, made fresh every day. Just received, a lot of new nuts, Florida oranges, bananas, sugar pop corn, and best fancy peanuts, fresh and cheap, at
N. MALFAIERA'S,
Exchange Block.

Hats and caps, suits and other clothing, very low in price, at Gross'.

Collar and cuff boxes at Ben Gidding's.

Robes, blankets, dress suit cases, telescopes, cabbies, trunks, all of which are suitable for Christmas presents, at C. S. Furman's.

Xmas! Xmas! Xmas! Useful Xmas presents can be bought at Townsend's.

Fine 24 K. gold plated clocks at Geo. W. Hess'.

Baker's fine chocolates, in beautiful packages, 60c. a pound at W. S. Rishton's.

A large and complete line of Chinaware and cut glass at L. E. Whary's.

Dress cases at Ben Gidding's.

Tooley & Co., will call for your grocery order, if you but ask them.

Steamer trunks at Ben Gidding's.

Ebony hair brushes, with sterling silver seals, $1.00 at Rishton's.

Call on L. E. Whary and see his line of English Porcelain dinner sets.

Granges, nuts, bananas, grapes, sweet potatoes and cranberries at Tooley & Co.'s.

Mufflers and silk handkerchiefs at Ben Gidding's.

Everything in fine leather goods at Rishton's.

L. E. Whary's decorated dinner sets are beauties. Prices, considering the material, are away down.

Sweaters—men's and boys'—at Ben Gidding's.

Telephone Tooley & Co. for your groceries.

1,000 sterling silver novelties at Rishton's.

C. S. Furman is showing a large and beautiful line of dressing cases for Christmas.

Best value for the money at L. E. Whary's.

Neckwear, in all kinds and styles, at Ben Gidding's.

L. E. Whary's store is certainly a thing of beauty. A visit will do your eyes good.

You are sure to get something to please you in the way of Christmas presents at C. S. Furman's.

Come in and see us. We'll treat you right. Ben Gidding.

L. E. Whary's store is simply overflowing with an array of magnificent Christmas presents—a happy blending of the useful and the ornamental. There's a saving of money in every article displayed.

Don't forget us when in need of anything in men's, boy's and children's wear. Ben Gidding.

Imported porcelain dinner sets, with floral decorations, at L. E. Whary's. These make an exquisite Xmas gift.

A nice present for your husband is an overcoat from Ben Gidding's.

Bibles and hymn and prayer books, for the various denominations, at J. Wesley Moyer's.

Hats, gloves, ties, mufflers, underwear, and all kinds of Xmas presents at Townsend's Star Clothing House.

Toilet articles, real ebony and sterling backs from the cheapest to the best at J. Lee Martin's.

Elegant trunks and dressing cases for Christmas at Gross'.

JEWELRY TALK.

We have about everything in the jewelry line that is worth wearing. If we have not what you want, we can get it. Don't wait to buy Christmas presents until everything is picked out.

STICK PINS.
Sterling Silver, 10c up.
Solid Gold, 75c up.

CUFF LINKS.
Sterling Silver, 30c up.
Solid Gold, $2.50 and up.
Gold Plate, 50c to $1.00.
Gold Filled, $1.00 to $2.50.

BROOCHES.
Solid Gold, $2.00 to $75.00.
Gold Filled, $1.00 to $3.00.
Gold Plate, 40c to $1.00.
Sterling Silver, 25c and up.

We have a great many patterns and shapes of Sterling Novelties, and they range in prices from 10c up.

J. LEE MARTIN

JEWELER AND REFRACTING OPTICIAN,
45 WEST MAIN STREET, - - BLOOMSBURG, PA

First-class watch and jewelry repairing.

CLARKS'.

Visit the Store Often These Christmas Days,

As many new lines are placed on sale now.

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XMAS COATS AND CAPES.
The prices have been reduced just when you want them. We desire to close the stock. Now's your chance to save money on your coat purchases, for gift giving or your own use.

CHRISTMAS FURS.
These make useful gifts. Our stock is complete—big lines to select from. Several lots are here from an overloaded manufacturer, at less than ruling prices.

TRIMMED HATS.
Away they go at half price. Biggest bargains of the season. They would make a nice gift.

XMAS LINENS.
Nothing nicer for a gift than nice linens. Our stock is large, in table linens, napkins, lunch cloths, table sets, &c. Linens are cheaper now than they will be later on.

STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES
They tell us daily they're less than prevailing prices.

Our lines are big, in all the wanted articles. You should see them. Nice gifts they make.

XMAS HANDKERCHIEFS.
The greatest assortment of these we have ever shown, and at less prices.

ITEMS FOR GIFTS.
Dress patterns, silk dress patterns, a table linen set, waist patterns, fancy hosiery for men and ladies, neckwear, kid gloves, Mocha gloves, wool mittens, kid mittens, silk mittens, furs of all kinds, lace collars, collar points, jewelry of all kinds, Sterling novelties, combs, brushes, military brushes, medallion pictures, lace curtains, heavy curtains, petticoats, wool underskirts, outing skirts, walking skirts, rainy day skirts, table covers, couch covers, handkerchiefs, fur baby carriage robes, jardiniers, jardinier stands, umbrellas, umbrella stands, coats, capes, suits, cushion covers, Colgate's fine perfumes, Cotton's fine extracts, pocketbooks, &c.

A Merry Christmas To All.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

We Sell Holly Vines for Decorating.

GOLD SEAL Rubbers.

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Perfect fit, Unrivaled In Style, Unequaled For Durability.

The only make of Rubber Shoes and Boots in the world that will stand this test of elasticity and strength. For sale by

F. D. DENTLER.

CHRISTMAS!

NEAR AT HAND.

Select Your

HOLIDAY GIFTS

FROM OUR STOCK.

If you don't see what you want in our windows or cases when you come in, ask for it. We are likely to have it, if not, we can order it for you.

Our Prices, Quality and Service, Will be Right.

For the best in watches, clocks, jewelry, rings, spectacles, eye glasses, sterling novelties, toilet sets, table silverware, cut glass, Louwelsa ware, finest umbrellas, &c., buy only from

GEO. W. HESS,
Optician and Jeweler,
Bloomsburg, Penna.

☞ All articles finely engraved free when bought here. We guarantee everything as represented.

TROOPS COMING HOME

First Regiment Leaves Manila Jan. 1.

ELEVENTH CAVALRY WILL FOLLOW.

To Be Mustered Out In the Same Order as They Arrived In the Philippines — Increased Insurgent Activity Feared.

MANILA, Dec. 19.—The volunteer regiments will proceed to the United States to be mustered out in practically the same order as they arrived in the Philippine Islands. They will be replaced by regulars provided by the army bill. The Thirty-seventh volunteer regiment, which is to begin the homeward movement by embarking on New Year's day, will be brought from the Laguna de Bay district and will sail on the transport Sheridan. The women and sick soldiers who were to sail on the Sheridan will leave on the Warren Saturday.

The Eleventh cavalry, which is to follow the Thirty-seventh volunteer regiment, will be transferred here from Camarines province and will sail Jan. 15 on the Meade.

The Thirty-sixth regiment, which began service the earliest, in July, 1899, is now in the province of Ilocos, but will be transported here soon.

The officers of the regular army holding commissions in volunteer regiments will be retained in the Philippines, and volunteer officers on special duty will be relieved only on the authority of headquarters.

Arms, ammunition, equipment, stores and animals will be transferred to division headquarters excepting 100 rifles, 100 cartridge belts and 5,000 rounds of ammunition per regiment. The men will retain their haversacks and utensils.

Volunteers desiring to leave the service and remain in the Philippines will be allowed to do so. Enlisted natives will be discharged.

It is believed that the temporary depletion of many posts and the checking of operations will result in renewed insurgent activity.

The announcement of the early commencement of the transportation home of the volunteers caused surprise.

General Hughes reports that 21,000 persons in the island of Panay have sworn allegiance to the United States.

Lieutenant Herbert L. Evans of the Forty-fourth volunteer infantry regiment, with 50 men, attacked Dec. 12 several hundred bolomen and 50 insurgents armed with rifles, occupying an intrenched position at Tonoxigan, island of Cebu. The Americans had three men wounded, and the enemy lost 12 men killed and many wounded.

Another Gift From Rockefeller.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—At the convocation exercises of the University of Chicago President Harper announced that John D. Rockefeller had made another gift of $1,500,000 to the institution. Of this sum $1,000,000 is to be used as an endowment fund, and the university is to derive the benefit of the income of it from year to year. It is also stipulated that the $1,000,000 is to be in the university's name and is to be considered its absolute property for all time. The balance of the gift is to be used for immediate purposes and for general needs.

Noted Jurist Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Henry R. Beekman, justice of the supreme court, was stricken dead with apoplexy on his own doorstep yesterday at 35 West Seventeenth street. He had not been in good health for some time. Justice Henry Rutgers Beekman was one of the foremost figures of the New York bench and bar. Justice Beekman was born in New York Dec. 8, 1845. The first of his family to come to America was William Beekman, who came with Peter Stuyvesant, the famous last Dutch governor of the colony, in 1647.

Santiago Shaken.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, Dec. 17.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt here Saturday night about midnight. It was the most severe that had been experienced in several years and almost created a panic at the San Carlos club, where a grand ball was in progress. It was preceded by a dull sound like a mine explosion. Two shocks followed, the former being quite severe and the latter scarcely perceptible.

Vote to Change Name of Sing Sing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—By a unanimous vote the citizens of Sing Sing have voted to petition the legislature to change the name of the village from Sing Sing to Ossining. To prevent the state prison at Sing Sing from taking on the name of the new town it is proposed to erect a new station at the prison gate and remove the Sing Sing sign to it.

Morocco Settles Our Claim.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A message from United States Consul Gummere at Tangier informs the state department that the Moorish government has settled the claim of the United States for $5,000 indemnity on account of the murder of Marcus Eszagui, a naturalized American citizen, in Morocco last spring.

A Case of Early Teething.

ALBANY, Dec. 14.—Baby Agnes Clark, who is but 4 weeks old, is the possessor of a full set of teeth. The child's father is James Clark, who resides at 66 Clinton street and is employed in the West Albany shops. This case is one which has occasioned a great deal of comment among the physicians of the city.

Heavy Foreign Christmas Mail.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—With the largest foreign Christmas mail ever dispatched from the New York postoffice the Oceania of the Cunard line sailed at noon Saturday for Queenstown. There were 2,013 sacks, containing more than 20,000 registered packages, distributed among all European countries.

Fire Destroys Costly Paintings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Two men were badly burned and several paintings, valued at $50,000, were destroyed by a fire at 1132 Broadway. One of the burned paintings is Grosso's masterpiece, "The Last Meeting," which has been on exhibition there. It was valued at $20,000.

A New Flag For Speaker's Desk.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A new silk American flag was placed on the speaker's rostrum in the house yesterday. The old flag, which has been there since 1882, had only 38 stars in it. The new one has a star for each state.

DISCUSSING THE TREATY.

Senate In Executive Session—House on District Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The friends of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty occupied nearly all of the time of the senate in executive session yesterday, Senators Foraker and Morgan being the speakers.

Previous to the taking up of that treaty the senate, for the purpose of clearing its calendar, disposed of several other treaties of comparatively little importance. Five conventions in all were ratified. Among the documents thus disposed of was an agreement supplementary to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty itself and extending the time within which it may be ratified. Under the terms of the original treaty the time for ratification expired five months ago. The agreement favorably passed upon yesterday extends the time until the 4th of March during which the treaty may be completed. Senator Lodge, who had the matter in charge, manifested some anxiety over this treaty and evidently was somewhat relieved when it went through without a dissenting voice.

The house devoted the day to District of Columbia business. The whole time was occupied in the consideration of a bill to change the terminal facilities of the Pennsylvania railroad in this city and to provide for the elevation of its tracks across the Mall south of Pennsylvania avenue. The opposition was persistent, but after much filibustering the friends of the bill succeeded in securing a recess until 11 o'clock today in order to continue the legislative day and complete consideration of the bill.

THE TREATY AMENDED.

Senate Insists on the Right to Fortify the Canal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—For nearly three hours yesterday Mr. Hanna of Ohio addressed the senate upon the pending ship subsidy bill. While he has spoken heretofore on the floor of the senate, this effort really was his first formal speech to the body since he became a member of it.

In accordance with previous agreement the senate in executive session took a vote at 3 o'clock on the amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty authorizing the United States to defend its interests in the canal. The senate did not close its doors until 2 o'clock, and there was then left only one hour's time for discussion of the provisions of the amendment. The vote was taken by yeas and nays, 65 votes being cast in favor of the amendment and 17 against it. The negative votes were as follows: Baird, Beveridge, Frye, Foster, Hansbrough, Lindsay, Mason, McCumber, McEnery, McBride, Morgan, Money, Stewart, Tillman, Wellington, Wolcott and Gallinger.

Norfolk Navy Yard Crippled.

NORFOLK, Dec. 17.—The building occupied by the construction department at the Norfolk navy yard was completely destroyed by fire last evening. Shortly before 6 o'clock a watchman discovered the office of Constructor Stahl to be on fire and promptly turned in an alarm. The navy yard and Portsmouth fire departments responded, but found the blaze gaining headway rapidly, and in a short time the whole building was a mass of flames. The firemen then devoted their time to saving surrounding buildings. The building destroyed contained all the important papers, models and plans of the construction department. Over 7,000 drawings and $100,000 worth of live oak timber were destroyed. Loss to building and contents over $200,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Revenue Reduction Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The house passed the war revenue reduction bill on Saturday. The opposition sought to recommit the bill with instructions to report back a measure reducing the revenue at least $70,000,000 and including a provision for an income tax so drawn as to escape an adverse decision of the supreme court. The motion failed by a vote of 131 to 155. Thereupon the bill was passed without the concurrence of the minority, who refrained from voting. The amendment placed in the bill to tax express receipts was defeated on a yea and nay vote in the house of 125 to 139. The pension appropriation bill, carrying $145,145,230, was passed in exactly 13 minutes.

Skunks For Ladies' Pets.

GENEVA, N. Y., Dec. 15.—August Isdell of Lodi, who has a famous skunk farm, was in town yesterday. He has 500 skunks on the farm and is having success in taming and selling them as household pets. "It is claimed by lovers of pets," said Mr. Isdell, "that when the skunk is properly trained and domesticated it is one of the smartest and best natured of all house pets. I cannot say that I have experimented to my satisfaction in this direction. The favorite color seems to be black. I have a considerable demand for skunks of this color from the larger cities, where dealers in pets sell them to ladies for a neat sum."

Presents For Soldiers to Enter Free.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The war department has issued an order providing for the admission into Cuba and the Philippine Islands free of duty of packages and articles clearly intended as Christmas presents for the officers and enlisted men of the army and navy and for other employees of this government now serving in those islands. The provision as to the free admission of such Christmas presents will terminate as to Cuba on Feb. 15 and as to the Philippines on March 15 next.

Wolcott's Condition Unchanged.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The condition of former Governor Wolcott is reported as practically unchanged since the bulletin given out earlier. Dr. Putnam, his physician, says that his patient appears to be no better and certainly seems no worse and that the latter fact may perhaps be in his favor. The crisis in his sickness has not yet been reached, but may develop at any time.

Two Killed by Dynamite.

SELLERSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 19.—Isaiah Hunsberger of Souderton and Joseph Bownawitz of Telford were killed by a dynamite explosion while the former was thawing out some frozen sticks of the explosive. The men placed the dynamite in a pan over a fire, and while Hunsberger was stirring the mixture the explosion occurred.

Destructive Pampas Fires.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—According to the Buenos Ayres correspondent of The Daily Express 600 miles of grain and grass crops, with vast herds of cattle, have been destroyed by a pampas fire in the Bamablanca region.

CAPE COLONY RAIDED

Boers Enter at Widely Divergent Points.

INVADERS MET BY MACDONALD.

Proposed Thanksgiving Service In Connection With Lord Roberts' Return Abandoned—British Denounced For Being Lenient.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—"The Boers have raided Cape Colony at two separate points, 100 miles distant," says the Cape Town correspondent of The Daily Mail. "One commando advanced upon Philipstown, between Colesberg and Kimberley. The other, supposed to be Herzog's commando, crossed the Orange river between Odendaal Stroom and Bethulie, northwest of Burghersdorp, its object apparently being Cradock.

"General Macdonald is engaging the invaders, who have no guns, 20 miles west of Burghersdorp. The latest news is that they are being slowly forced back to the Orange river, where a warm reception is being prepared for them."

The contemplated thanksgiving service in St. Paul's cathedral in connection with the return of Lord Roberts from South Africa has been abandoned, owing, as the government announces, "to its being considered desirable to defer a general thanksgiving until the close of the operations in South Africa."

The programme now is for Lord Roberts to debark in the Solent, to visit the queen at Osborne House Jan. 2, to reembark and to land finally at Southampton, coming from that point to London.

The Times, editorially denouncing "misguided leniency toward the Boers," says: "Such a concentration of Boers as brought disaster on General Clements' force would not have been possible had we carried on the war as it would have been carried on by any other civilized nation."

BRITISH SUFFER LOSS.

Brabant's Horse Surrounded—Particulars of Clements' Disaster.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The following dispatch has been received by the war office from General Kitchener:

"Five officers and 316 men, Magaliesberg prisoners, have been released.

"The Boers surrounded and captured 120 of Brabant's horse in a defile in the Zastron district.

"Colonel Blomfield, moving on Vryheid, defeated the Boers with heavy loss, driving them from Scheeper's nek and capturing a quantity of arms. The Scheeper's nek movement occurred Dec. 13.

"The Boers who attacked Vryheid Dec. 10 lost 100 killed and wounded before they retired. The fighting lasted all day, the enemy drawing off at 7:30 p. m. The British loss was 6 killed, 19 wounded and

GENERAL CLEMENTS.

30 missing. Our casualties included two officers who died of their wounds."

The following particulars of the disaster to Clements' force have been received:

Clements brought in his force to Commando nek unopposed. The casualties were heavy. Killed, 5 officers and 9 of other ranks; missing, 18 officers and 555 of other ranks. These latter were four companies of the Northumberland fusiliers, who were stationed on the hill, and some yeomanry and other details sent up to support them. Names and nature of wounds are being telegraphed from Cape Town.

Broadwood's brigade took no part in the engagement. The Boers suffered severely.

Ammunition Failed British.

PRETORIA, Dec. 19.—The Northumberland fusiliers who were captured by the Boers at Nooitgedacht made a dogged defense against superior numbers and fought on until their ammunition was exhausted. Then, when they saw that they were irretrievably hemmed in and that there was no hope of assistance from the valley below, where General Clements had his hands full directing the retirement of the rest of the force, they surrendered. Most of the prisoners have since been released at a point close to Rustenburg. The Boers lost heavily. They carried nine wagon loads of dead and wounded off the field.

A City Train Robbery.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—The Chicago limited on the Illinois Central, due to arrive here at 7:15 o'clock last night, was robbed at Carrollton avenue, on the outskirts of the city, by masked men. The mail and express cars were blown open with dynamite, and the former was rifled of its contents. Conductor Kennebreu was badly wounded. He was shot in the back because he did not obey orders to uncouple the train. None of the passengers was disturbed, and they knew nothing of the robbery until the heavy charge of dynamite was fired. Then they pulled down the blinds and kept quiet.

For a New Country.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—There is an interesting scheme on foot to establish a government over a region of 100,000 square miles in the heart of South America to be christened Amazonia and to be placed under French protection. The matter is really a serious one, and as it directly involves the Monroe doctrine it deserves the attention of the Washington authorities.

Another Indiana Lynching.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Dec. 18.—John Rolla, colored, of Rockport, Ind., was lynched last night at Booneville, Ind.

SIX STUDENTS PERISHED.

Burning of Normal School at Fredonia, N. Y., Saddens Many Homes.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Dec. 15.—From the smoldering ruins of the Fredonia State Normal and Training school, which was destroyed by fire at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, one charred body has been recovered and a revision of the list of missing makes it certain that seven persons perished in the fire which licked up the structure, entailing the appalling sacrifice of life and a property loss of $200,000.

There were 75 young women students in the building, of which six perished. The other victim was the aged janitor. The dead:

Phineas J. Morris, janitor; Irene Jones of Busti, N. Y.; Bessie Hathaway of Cannonsville, N. Y.; Ruth Thomas of Pike, N. Y.; Cora Storms of Boston; Mae Williams of Lake Como, Pa., and Maud F. Fizzell of Bradford, Pa.

The young women were students and occupied rooms on the third floor of the building in company with a matron and 50 other young women who succeeded in escaping by descending the fire escapes.

To account for the origin of the fire puzzles the local board of managers, as there was no fire in the building, the heat being piped from a boiler two blocks away.

Stolen Diamond Returned.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—The one missing diamond of the 20 stolen by Express Messenger Hoffman from the Adams Express company was returned to Deputy Police Superintendent Rowe Sunday evening. The deputy superintendent had guests at home Sunday evening, and just after the last of them had left a rap came at the front door of his residence. A small boy handed the officer a brown envelope and, stating that there was no answer, disappeared. Deputy Superintendent Rowe opened the envelope, and in it was the missing diamond. On a slip of paper were the words, "This is the Adams Express company's diamond." The identity of the small boy is not known, and who sent the diamond to the deputy superintendent is also a mystery.

Farmer Heir to Millions.

DUBOIS, Pa., Dec. 19.—Creighton Wandrell, a farmer, aged 70 years, living at Pennfield, has unexpectedly fallen heir to $3,500,000. Wandrell had an uncle who ran away from home in 1834 at the age of 13. He became a sailor and later a ship owner and accumulated a fortune of $15,000,000. He died in New York in 1893, leaving his millions to three brothers and his nephew Creighton Wandrell. For seven years an attorney of Albany has been advertising and searching for Wandrell's heirs. They were discovered a few days ago and will come into immediate possession of the fortune.

Rich Gold Discoveries.

BUTTE, Mon., Dec. 18.—A great gold strike has just been made at Virginia City by C. A. Damours, from Canada, who has had a lease and bond on an old quartz mine known as the Kearsarge. In years past more than $120,000,000 in gold have been taken out of the placers of the gulch. Young Damours now believes he has discovered the mother lode. Experts who have been permitted to inspect his find say he has $1,000,000 worth of ore in sight now and that the indications are that the greatest deposit of gold quartz in the known world has been uncovered.

A Sunday Night Lynching.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Dec. 17.—Jim Henderson and Bud Rowland, negroes, were hanged at 8 o'clock last night in the jailyard at Rockport, Ind., by a mob of 500 persons. Henderson and Rowland waylaid, murdered and then robbed H. S. Simons, a white barber, early yesterday morning. Two men were suspected and arrested, and by the aid of a bloodhound their guilt was established. Henderson was shot to death in his cell and then hanged. Rowland confessed before he was strung up. The bodies were afterward riddled with bullets.

Big Sugar Plant For Porto Rico.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 18.—In the house of delegates yesterday Senor Descartes introduced a bill granting unrestricted suffrage to women on the same terms as men. Governor Allen will shortly perform the ceremony of starting the new sugar mill of the De Ford company near Guayama. It is the most complete plant in the island, with a capacity of 12,000 tons. The estate, with an area of 6,000 acres, is capable of producing 10,000 tons of sugar a season.

A Tie on Mayor.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 19.—Worcester is in a tangle over the mayoralty question. The registration of voters have given their official declaration that both O'Connell and Lytle received the same number of votes, 8,061. On these returns neither man is elected. The city charter provides that in the failure to elect a mayor a special election shall be ordered by the board of aldermen. This will probably be the next move.

Earthquake In Missouri.

JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 15.—An earthquake shock lasting nearly a minute was experienced in this city yesterday. The motion was from north to south and of a quivering nature. No damage is reported.

Indian Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Indian appropriation bill has been completed by the house committee on Indian affairs. It carries something over $9,000,000, the exact aggregate not yet being determined.

New York Markets.

FLOUR—State and western remained in a rut, so far as business was concerned, but held fairly steady; Minnesota patents, $3.95@4.20; winter straights, $3.40@3.55; winter extras, $2.55@2.90; winter patents, $3.60@3.90.

WHEAT—Opened steady and advanced with corn, afterward yielding to moderate sales for long account; March, 79½@79 9-16c.; May, 79 1-16@79 3-16c.

RYE—Steady; state, 52@53c., c. i. f., New York, carlots; No. 2 western, 56½c., f. o. b., afloat.

CORN—Very strong on near months, owing to bad weather, poor grading and a scare of shorts; later it eased off under realizing; May, 42 3-16@42¼c.

OATS—Dull, but steady; track, white, state, 31@35c.; track, white, western, 31@35c.

PORK—Steady; mess, $12@13; family, $15.50@16.

LARD—Dull; prime western steam, 7.40c.

BUTTER—Barely steady; state dairy, 16@23c.; creamery, 17@25c.

CHEESE—Strong; fancy, large, fall made, 11¼@11½c; fancy, small, fall made, 11¾@12c.

EGGS—Easier; state and Pennsylvania, 25@28c.; western, loss off, 27c.

TURPENTINE—Quiet at 40½@41c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, 32@40c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, 3¾@6¼c.; Japan, 4¾@4¾c.

TALLOW—Quiet; city, 4¾c.; country, 4¾@5¼c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 77½@80c.; good to choice, 85@95c.

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FRANKLIN CHEMICAL CO., 830 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Resolutions of Condolence.

At a meeting of the Hidlay Union Sunday School the following resolutions were adopted Dec. 16, 1900:

WHEREAS, The hand of Divine Providence has removed a sister from our midst, one who has been for years a faithful member of our Sunday School, worthy of our respect, and held in high esteem by all who knew her Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Mrs. A. W. Spear our Sunday school has lost a loyal teacher, the Christian Endeavor an active member, the church an earnest worker whose endeavors were exerted for its welfare, the temperance cause, one whose deepest sympathies were with it, the community a member whose Christian character was recognized and the family a devoted wife and mother.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy to the bereaved family of deceased, to friends in their sorrow and commend them to the sympathy of a kind Heavenly Father.

SADIE HAGENBUCH,
CORA CONNER,
STANLEY RUCKLE, } Com.

The Greatest in the World.

Every State has increased in population, and the only city which has apparently lost is the one which padded its returns ten years ago and now suffers for its folly.

The United States now has a larger population than any European country except Russia; and the average of our wealth and productive capacity carries us far beyond that kingdom in true greatness. Germany, among European countries, comes next to the United States, but it can only show a population of 52,279,901, or about two-thirds of our total. In area the United States, with its new possession, is about as large as Europe. In wealth it is the richest nation the world has ever known.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 1, 1901. Persons calling for these letters will please say "that they were advertised Dec. 18, 1900":

Mr. Edwin Jones, Mr. Stanley Sutliff, Mr. White (Photographer).

One cent will be charged on each letter advertised.

O. B. MELLICK, P. M.

John Wanamaker pays the newspapers of Philadelphia five thousand dollars a year for advertising his business. If it did not bring him a profit how long would he continue it? What can be done in Philadelphia can be accomplished anywhere else with an equal amount of business acumen.

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RAILROAD NOTES.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD CO. WILL ISSUE CLERICAL ORDERS FOR 1901.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that clerical orders will be issued for the year 1901 to ordained clergymen having regular charge of churches located on or near the line of its road.

Application blanks may be obtained of ticket agents, and same should reach the General Office by December 22, so that orders may be mailed December 31 to clergymen entitled to receive them. Orders will be issued only on individual application of clergymen when made on blanks furnished by the Company and certified to by one of its agents. 1t

Even a calendar is no good unless its up-to-date.

DISTRESSING STOMACH DISEASE—Permanently cured by the masterly power of South American Nervine Tonic. Invalids need suffer no longer, because this great remedy can cure them all. It is a cure for the whole world of stomach weakness and indigestion. The cure begins with the first dose. The relief it brings is marvellous and surprising. It makes no failure; never disappoints. No matter how long you have suffered, your cure is certain under the use of this great health-giving force. Pleasant and always safe Sold by C. A. Kleim, druggist, 128 West Main street, Bloomsburg, Pa. 19 4 19

Every man has his field of usefulness, but lots of them are too lazy to climb the fence.

CATARRHAL HEADACHES. — That dull, wretched pain in the head, just over the eyes, is one of the surest signs that the seeds of catarrh have been sown, and it's your warning to administer the quickest and surest treatment to prevent the seating of this dreaded malady. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder will stop all pain in ten minutes and cure. 6t

Sold by C. A. Kleim.

WHAT SHALL WE HAVE FOR DESERT?—This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try Jell-O, a delicious dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No baking! add hot water and set to cool. Flavors: Lemon, orange, raspberry and strawberry. At your grocers. 10c. 1220d

Usually the fellow who says "I told you so" never did anything of the kind.

BAD HEART—COULD NOT LIE DOWN FOR 18 MONTHS.—"I was unable to lie down in my bed for 18 months, owing to smothering spells caused by heart disease. One bottle of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart removed the trouble, and to-day I am as well as ever I was."—L. W. Law, Toronto Junction. 62

Sold by C. A. Kleim.

A CERTAIN CURE FOR CHILBLAINS.—Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures chilblains, frostbites, damp, sweating, swollen feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, New York. 12 20d4t.

Ambition is often the assassin of happiness.

PILL-AGE.—Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills, 10 cents a vial, are planned after the most modern in medical science. They are as great an improvement over the 50 years old strong dose pill formulas as a bicycle is over an ox-cart in travel. They never gripe and they never fail. 63

Sold by C. A. Kleim.

The man who doesn't believe in hiding his light under a bushel usually feels that a bushel isn't large enough to hide it.

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CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and Tersely Told.

Deputy Attorney General Edward P. Coyne has resigned.

The president nominated John C. A. Leishman for minister to Turkey.

Impressive funeral services for the late Oswald Ottendorfer were held in New York.

The river and harbor bill, as provisionally agreed upon, calls for more than $75,000,000.

The Canadian steamer Alpha was wrecked on Vancouver island, and eight lives were lost.

A man supposed to be one of the gang which held up the Chicago limited was found dead in the suburbs of New Orleans.

Charles S. Francis of New York was appointed to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Greece, Roumania and Servia.

Reports to the New York state forest, fish and game commission show that hunters killed more than 1,200 deer in the Adirondacks during the season just closed.

Tuesday, Dec. 18.

The first issue of the London Sun under the editorship of Rev. Dr. Parker has appeared.

The agrarian provinces comprising 200 square miles around Leutschau, Hungary, are famine stricken.

A red haired Italian girl was the first immigrant to land at the new depot at Ellis island, New York harbor.

The French government has ordered cases of Chinese loot sent to President Loubet embargoed at Marseilles.

A Lehigh Valley coal train dashed into an electric car at Luzerne, Pa., completely wrecking it and injuring seven people.

Monday, Dec. 17.

The discovery of magnificent waterfalls in the Canadian Rockies was announced at Winnipeg.

Oswald Ottendorfer, editor of the New York Staats Zeitung, died after many years of suffering.

William J. Bryan announced that he would establish a new weekly, to be called The Commoner, to uphold the Chicago platform.

Telephoning without wires was successfully accomplished at Minneapolis. The distance was over 1,000 feet across the Mississippi river.

The antique golden vase given by orphans of Lima, Peru, to orphans of the Galveston flood reached New York and will be exhibited for sale.

The official report of the finances of the Paris exposition shows a loss of $400,000. The total of expenditures is $23,300,000. The receipts amounted to $22,900,000.

Representative Boutelle's physician announced that he showed improvement, leading to the hope that he might be taken home, but that he would never be fitted for work.

Saturday, Dec. 15.

The Taft Philippine commission has passed a liquor license law for Manila.

Hamilton Harris, former counsel of the New York Central roalroad, died in Albany.

Professor G. W. Tyrrell has discovered rich forests on the so called barren lands of northern Canada.

The Order of Chosen Friends, a fraternal insurance association doing business in 30 states, has failed.

The skeleton of a man was found in the hull of the American line steamer St. Paul at Cramps' shipyard.

In New York city Alexander Stewart, a 14-year-old boy, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for murder.

Miners in the Shamokin region will receive this month over $275,000, the largest pay roll ever known there.

The jury in the case of Jessie Morrison, on trial at El Dorado, Kan., for murder of Mrs. Olin Castle, disagreed.

Friday, Dec. 14.

Michael C. Mulhall, the statistician, died in London.

Ernest Brenner of Bale has been elected president of Switzerland.

The Alaskan and Klondike gold output for the year is estimated at $25,725,000.

A woman who lived near Rochester committed suicide by taking three kinds of poison.

Four masked men robbed John Doerschuck's private bank at Shanesville, O., of between $3,000 and $4,000.

Patrick F. McCabe, an aged man, committed to the New York almshouse, was found to have $900 pinned to his shirt.

A number of electors in Caribou, B. C., agreed to let a jackpot decide whom of three parliamentary candidates they would vote for.

Thursday, Dec. 13.

The Illinois circuit court upheld the antitrust laws.

Professor Marshall Henshaw of Amherst died suddenly at Springfield, Mass.

The river and harbor bill will carry $20,000,000 and authorize $35,000,000 more.

It has been discovered that the Portuguese settlement of Maceo is a point of Filipino insurgent activity.

The official canvass showed that McKinley's plurality in New York state was 143,606 and Odell's 111,126.

General Alger, former secretary of war, was thrown down by a thief whom he found in his house in Detroit.

A nonunion telegraph operator was driven from the Santa Fe station at Sedalia, Colo., and shot in the arm.

The report of the New York Lying In Hospital society showed a birth rate of a child every ten minutes on Manhattan Island.

New Statehouse For Mississippi.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 14.—The Mississippi capitol commission yesterday afternoon let the contract for the new statehouse to Messrs. Wells & Wells of Chicago for $831,000. The next lowest bid was that of George Dugan of Kansas City, who bid $833,000. The successful contractors agree to commence work on Jan. 1 and complete the work within 28 months.

Clothes Must Be Labeled.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—On and after July 1, 1901, all union labor men of this city will have to submit their clothing, hats and shoes to inspection to prove that they bear the imprint of having been union made—that is, if the present programme of the Central Federated union is carried out.

Two Hundred Drowned.

CANTON, Dec. 14.—The falling overboard of a man from a passenger boat on the West river near Ho-kau led to a rush of some 400 passengers to the side of the vessal, which caused her to sink, over 200 persons being drowned.

Free Rural Delivery.

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 15, free rural mail delivery was established from the Millville office over the Greenwood route with Edward R. Eves carrier. The carrier will make two trips, one in the morning, another in the afternoon. The morning trip will begin immediately after the arrival of the morning mail. It will go from Millville via David Beagle's to Welliversville, to A. Dildine to Geo. F. Kindt's, to G. B. Thomas' to Abram Seibert's and to Millville.

The afternoon trip wil begin at one o'clock, or after the arrival of the noon mail and will go via A. P. Young's to Henry Parker's to Wm. Reece's to Alfred Heacock's to Wm. Pullen's to the Center school house east and north to Fairman's corner, to Watts corner to Evangelical church, to Frank Wilson's to Henry Bardo's to Simon Bardo's, to Henry Rote's, to Millville.

Regular mail boxes will be put at A. Dildine's, John Kitchen's corner Evangelical church and Frank Wilson's corner, in which mail may be deposited by any person and particularly by those who are not on the route. Those on the route or adjacent to it, who desire to be served will erect boxes of their own at the roadside by their houses or, where they are not directly on the route, at some convenient place, and the carrier will deliver and collect mail. They should be placed so the carrier can reach them without getting out of his wagon.

Postage on all letters dropped in the boxes whether for delivery on the route or points beyond must contain a two cent stamp, and the carrier will deliver letters for persons on the route with out taking them to the postoffice.

The carrier will carry a supply of stamps, postal cards, stamped envelopes and money order blanks, and when persons will intrust the carrier with the money, will put the order when issued, in the envelope and seal it. All persons who receive the service should make it a point to put up neat boxes and do their part to make it a success. It may not be perfect at first but it may be improved when found necessary.

Must Pay Full Fare.

A resolution adopted at the meeting of the passenger committee of the trunk lines will likely cause a big surprise when it goes into effect. It provides that after January 1, 1901, the reduced rates given by the trunk lines to clergymen, members of the Salvation Army, missionaries and members of religious orders shall be withdrawn. The effect of such an agreement by this committee is far-reaching. It means that full fare will be exacted from this class of travelers by the following railroads: Baltimore & Ohio, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Lehigh Valley, New York Central, Central of New Jersey, Philadelphia & Reading, West Snore, Erie, New York, Ontario & Western, Chesapeake & Ohio.

A pawnshop is a bad place in which to hang up Christmas stockings.

The worries of a weak and sick mother are only begun with the birth of her child. By day her work is constantly interrupted and at night her rest is broken by the wailing of the peevish, puny infant. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong and sick women well. It lightens all the burdens of maternity, giving to mothers strength and vigor, which they impart to their children. In over thirty years of practice Dr. Pierce and his staff of nearly a score of physicians have treated and cured more than half a million suffering women. Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter free of charge. All correspondence is strictly private. Address Dr R. V Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.

Some people never stop to think, and others never think to stop.

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Beagle Studio!
Fine Photographs.

I have purchased the Photograph Gallery, formerly conducted by M'Killip Bros., and have re-fitted and re-furnished the same.

The gallery will be opened Monday, December 3d, and E. Skyles M'Killip will have charge of making the negatives.

Until January 1st, 1901, the very finest

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All work guaranteed to be satisfactory.
12-6 1y BEAGLE STUDIO.

An Old House in New Quarters.

James Reilly has moved his Barber Shop to the Central Hotel, room recently used as a parlor, on first floor. Newly furnished Expert workmen. Give us a call. 4-5-1y

ELECTION NOTICE.

A meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers National Bank, of Bloomsburg, Pa., for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held in the Directors' room of the Bank, on Tuesday, January 8, 1901, between the hours of two and four p. m.
12-6-2t A. H. BLOOM, Cashier.

The State Schools.

Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, in his report for the past year says that during the year ending the first Monday in June, 1900, the whole number of teachers employed was 29,390, the total enrollment of pupils was 1,151,880, the total receipts for school and building purposes were $24,915,668.69 and the total expenditures were $21,476,994.90.

For Sale.

Three town lots on Ninth street above Catharine, 33 feet front each, and running back to the canal. Will be sold on easy terms. Inquire at this office. 10-4 tf.

Buckwheat.

We will pay 60c. per bushel for good buckwheat delivered to our mill this week.
9-13 tf H. V. WHITE & Co.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1901,

at two o'clock p. m., all that certain lot of ground, situate in Shuman's Addition to the Town of Catawissa, in the Township of Catawissa, in said County of Columbia, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the east by land of said Franklin L. Shuman one hundred and fifty feet, on the north by an alley, forty feet, on the south by Mill street, in said town, forty feet, being lot No. 84, in said addition, as laid out and surveyed in a plot or draft made by Samuel Neyhard, on which are erected a two-story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE

and other outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution, at the suit of Catawissa Deposit Bank, assigned to Charles D. Hamlin, vs. Norman E. Hamlin, and to be sold as the property of Norman E. Hamlin.

W. W. BLACK, SHERIFF.
RHAWN, HERRING AND SMALL, ATT'YS.

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at two o'clock p. m., all that certain messuage and lot of land, situate in Orangeville, in the County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post, on Main street, and running thence along said street south thirty one degrees west, four and one-fourth perches to a post; thence by lot of Jacob Harman, now Catharine Slough, south sixty degrees west eight perches to a post; thence by other land of said Catharine Slough north thirty-one and one-half degrees east, four and one-quarter perches to a post; thence by land of James B. Harman north sixty degrees west, eight perches to the place of beginning, containing

34 SQUARE PERCHES,

be the same more or less, and being the same premises which Sarah E. Pursel, by deed, dated the 20th day of January, A. D. 1882, for the consideration therein mentioned, conveyed to M. L. Kline, party of the first part hereto, this mortgage, being given to secure the payment of the purchase money, whereon are erected a

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

barn and outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution, at the suit of Ella G. Turner, trustee, assignee of Silas Conner, vs. M. L. Kline, and to be sold as the property of M. L. Kline.

W. W. BLACK,
POWELL AND M'KILLIP, Att'ys. Sheriff.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF MARY ANN COX, LATE OF MADISON TOWNSHIP, DECEASED.

The undersigned appointed an auditor by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county to make distribution of the fund in the hands of L. R. Jacoby, adm'r c.t.a., as shown by his first and final account, will sit, at the office of W. A. Evert, Esq., in Bloomsburg, Pa. on Friday, January 4, 1901, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to attend to the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested in said estate must appear or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

CLEM R. WEISS,
12-20. Auditor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH YOST, LATE OF LOCUST TOWNSHIP, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Elizabeth Yost, widow of Hermon Yost, late of Locust township, Columbia County, Pa., deceased, have been granted to W. D. Osman, of Shamokin, Pa., to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

WM. D. OSMAN,
Or to 311 West Chestnut St.,
JOHN G. FREEZE, Att'y., Shamokin,
Bloomsburg, Pa. (29-6*) Pa.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF DELILAH CRAMER, LATE OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Delilah Cramer, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Joseph Cramer, resident of said town, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

11 15 6t JOS. CRAMER,
Executor.
Or to JOHN G. HARMAN, Atty.

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF PETER S. HARMAN, LATE OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Peter S. Harman, late of Bloomsburg, have been granted to Rebecca Harman, resident of said town, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

11-15-6t REBECCA HARMAN,
Executrix.
Or to JOHN G. HARMAN, Atty.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarcreek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, of Lime Ridge, Pa., will be held at the hall of Centre Grange, No. 56, P. of H., on Tuesday, January 8th, 1901, between the hours of 10 a. m and 5 p. m., for the election of twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
12-20-3t H. H. BROWN, Sec'y.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE
—OF VALUABLE—
REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, the undersigned, administrator of Charles Whitmire, deceased, will expose to public sale, on the premises of said decedent, on the road leading from Orangeville to Berwick, in Centre township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, on

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26, 1900,

at 1:30 o'clock p. m., sharp, the following described real estate, to wit: All those two certain pieces, parcels, and tracts of land, situate in said Centre township, Columbia County, Pa., bounded and described as follows, viz:

TRACT NO. 1.—Beginning at a point in line of land of Phoebe Whitmire; thence by other lands of the said George Whitmire, deceased, north twenty-four and three-quarters degrees west, one hundred twenty-seven and four-tenths perches to lands of John Stiner; thence by the same south sixty-nine and three-quarters degrees east, fifty-four perches to a stone; thence by the same north twelve degrees west, three and six-tenths perches to a stone; thence by land of Joseph Conner south sixty-nine and three-quarters degrees east, eighty-three perches to a post; thence south fourteen degrees east, seventeen and six-tenths perches; thence north seventy-four degrees east, thirty-four perches to a stone; thence by lands of William Whitmire south twelve and one-half degrees east, forty-four and two-tenths perches to a stone; thence by lands of the heirs of David Whitmire south seventy-six and one-quarter degrees west, fifty-two and five-tenths perches to a stone; thence by same south seventeen and one-quarter degrees east, sixty-five perches to a stone; thence by same north sixty-five and one-quarter degrees west, eighty and six-tenths perches to a post, the place of beginning, containing

98 ACRES

and ninety perches of land, be the same more or less, it being the same premises which David Whitmire and William Whitmire, executors of the last will and testament of George Whitmire, deceased, conveyed to Charles Whitmire, by deed dated April 29th, 1875, and recorded in the Office for Recording Deeds, etc., in and for the County of Columbia, at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, on May 28th, 1899, in Deed Book Vol. No. 67, at page 534, reference being thereunto had, will more fully and at large appear. The above farm is known as the Charles Whitmire homestead, and is located about two miles from the Borough of Orangeville. The land is all cleared, but about two acres, and is in a high state of cultivation. There is erected on the premises a large two-story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE

and a large bank barn, wagon shed, and other outbuildings. There is a never-failing spring at the house and a good well of water at the barn, and this, as a whole, is a very desirable property.

TRACT NO. 2.—Bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone corner, of lands of Levi Aikman and J. E. Aikman; thence by the same north seventy-seven and three-quarters degrees west, thirty-five perches to a stone; thence by the same north twelve degrees west, twenty-two and nine-tenths perches to a stone; thence by lands of Isaac Hess and John White north seventy-seven and three-quarters degrees east, thirty-five perches to a post; thence by lands of John Conner south twelve degrees east, twenty-two and nine-tenths perches to a stone, the place of beginning, containing

5 ACRES,

more or less, and upon which there is a good growth of young timber. It being the same premises conveyed to Charles Whitmire by David Whitmire and William Whitmire, executors, as aforesaid.

TERMS OF SALE:—Ten per cent. of the one-fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property; the balance of the one-fourth at the confirmation nisi, which will be on the first Monday of February, 1901, and the remaining three-fourths within one year from the date of sale, with interest on all unpaid purchase money, from the date of confirmation nisi. All grain in the ground reserved. Deeds and surveys, if wanted, at the expense of the purchaser. Possession given April 1st, 1901.

The above premises will be sold, freed and discharged, from the lien of a certain mortgage, given and executed by Charles Whitmire, in his lifetime, to James B. Montgomery.

GEORGE WHITMIRE,
Admr. of Charles Whitmire, dec'd.
CLINTON HERRING, Atty.

CHARTER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the 24th day of December, 1900, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called THE WHITE MILLING CO., the character and object of which is the manufacturing and dealing in flour, meal, grain and feed, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

The names of the subscribers to said application are H. V. White, A. B White, I. S. White, Geo. C. LaTourette, M. Powell, T. E. Hyde, A. C. Creasy, J. H. Aikman, W. S. Moyer, A. W. Heller, Ellis Eves, Joseph Batti, F. G. Yorks, Geo. E. Hummer, David Powell, J. C. Brown and W. M. Reber. 11-29.

C. W. MILLER, SOLICITOR.

ELECTION NOTICE.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg National Bank, of Bloomsburg, Pa., for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held in the Directors' room of the Bank, on Tuesday, January 8, 1901, between the hours of ten and twelve a. m.
12-6-3t. WM. H. HIDLAY, Cashier.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Daniel Jamison, late of Centre Township Columbia County, deceased

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Daniel Jamison, late of Centre township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

ISAIAH J. JAMISON,
New Columbus,
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J. H. Ertwine.

SALE REGISTER.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26.—George Whitmire, administrator of Charles Whitmire, deceased, will sell a farm of 98 acres, 90 perches, with dwelling house, barn, &c., situate in Centre township, at 1:20 p. m. Also, at same time, 5 acres of woodland.

PURELY PERSONAL

Mrs. Margaret Buckalew is spending a few weeks in Hazleton.

Albert Kline and Roland Wright are visiting friends in Millville and vicinity. They live in Iowa.

Boyd Maize arrived home from Yale College on Saturday to spend the holiday vacation with his parents.

Mrs. William Leverett of Philadelphia, is spending the Christmas holiday with her sister, Mrs Geo. E. Elwell.

Harry Achenbach arrived home Saturday evening from a two-weeks' trip down through the Cumberland valley.

Barton John visited his mother on Normal hill last week. He is engaged as a civil engineer, in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Miss Flora Skeer returned home Saturday from an extended visit in Philadelphia, bringing with her Miss Bess Cleaver, who will be entertained at the Skeer home during the holidays.

Dr. Reifsnyder, son of Mrs. Dr. I W. Willits is expected to arrive in Bloomsburg from Manila about December 23. A telegram received here Sunday conveyed the information that he had arrived in California.

Games from 5 cents to $1.00 at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Royal Arcanum address cards can be obtained at this office. tf

Pocket books for either lady or gent at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

The public shools will close tomorrow for the holiday vacation. The teachers and pupils will then have an opportunity to do justice to the Christmas goodies.

A most handsome line of calenders suitable for presents at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Moving pictures and illustrated songs at the Opera House, Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 28 and 29. Benefit building fund of M. E. Church.

A traveling case or a comb and brush set, a nice bottle of perfume or almost anything you want for a Christmas present at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Lamps from 25 cents to $13.00 at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

The Shamokin *Dispatch* mentions the name of James Scarlet, Esq., of Danville, as a candidate for President Judge of Northumberland County, at the next election.

Gold pens and pencils for either lady or gent at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Postmaster O. B. Mellick on Monday distributed a very neat and comprehensive schedule of the arrival and departure of mails. It is greatly appreciated by the patrons of the office.

If you want drugs or patent medicines of any kind go to Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

We were in error last week in stating that W. W. Watts had retired from the bill posting business. He has quit the theatrical part only, and will continue to put up advertising matter for merchants.

Bibles large and small and the stock open for comparison at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

A considerable amount of money changed hands in Bloomsburg on Saturday. Nearly all the industries remunerated their employes. This disbursement of money has been felt by our merchants during the past few days.

The Paul E. Wirt fountain pen either plain or gold mounted at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neyhard, of West Street, lost an infant son by death Sunday. The little one was nearly seven months old. The funeral with interment in Rosemont cemetery took place Tuesday morning.

A B C blocks and A B C books in both linen and paper from 5c. to 25c. at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

There was a double wedding solemnized at Orangeville on Thursday last. The contracting parties were Mr. Calvin Crawford and Miss Myrtle Peacock, and Mr. Burr Albertson and Miss Carola Lawton, all of Greenwood township. Rev. James Martyn, officiated.

Collar and cuff boxes, necktie boxes, handkerchief boxes, necktie books, jewel boxes, glove boxes, cigar stands and cases, music rolls, photo holders, card stands and card cases and many other holiday presents, some of which are very beautiful at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

C. E. Savage has removed his jewelry store to the room formerly occupied by the Bloomsburg Car Co. Store. He has just received a nice selection of Xmas goods of all kinds. Prices way down. Silverware at cost. He makes a specialty of watch, clock and jewelry repairing. No. 4 West Main St. 1t

The increasing business of the Bloomsburg National Bank has made it necessary to employ additional help, and C. H. Kline, for some years past agent of the Adams Express Co., has been appointed book-keeper. He will enter upon his duties January 1st and his place in the Adams Express Co. will be filled by J. W. Hidlay, of Orangeville.

The rule for a new trial in the case of Emma Lewis vs. the Hunlock Creek and Muhlenburg Turnpike Co. was discharged by Judge Lynch at Wilkes-Barre Friday. The jury gave Mrs. Lewis a verdict for damages in the sum of $6,041.66. Her husband was precipitated over an embankment at an unsafe point of the Turnpike Company's road and instantly killed. The accident occurred about four years ago.

Sorrow sits in the William Perkins home at Centralia. Death entered the household on Saturday morning and removed the head of the family. He was a victim of miner's asthma, a disease so prevalent in that section. He had been complaining for a long time, but not until a few weeks previous to the end did his illness assume a malignant form. William Perkins was in the fiftieth year of his age. In his death the wife and six children have lost a kind and indulgent husband and father, and the town a substantial citizen.

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New goods coming in fast as express will bring them.

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Sweethearts,
Friends.

At the rate the public are buying our Holiday Goods we'll not have anything left. Styles, qualities, usefulness and prices attached, make it so.

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Excuse us for boasting—it is too good to keep. We want to let our patrons know, and thank them at the same time, for making this, our store, exceed the most sanguine expectations in Holiday Selling activity.

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Doll Shoes, 5c. and 9 cents.
Doll Heads, 10c. to 95 cents.
Doll Baby Sets containing nursing bottles, rattle and teething ring 5 cents a set.
Doll Go carts, 25 cents.
Doll Carriage, 25 cents.
Doll Chairs, 10 cents.
Boy's Wheelbarrows, 10c. and 25c.
Toy Tables 10 cents.
Doll Trunks 25 cents.
Iron Toys 9c. 25 and 50 cents.
Iron Trains 15c, and 25 cents.
Checker Back-gammon outfits 10 and 25 cents.
Weighing Scales 25 cents.
A. B. C. Cubes 10 and 25 cents.
Games 10, 25 and 50 cents.
25c. Table Fancy Goods.

Sterling Silver Toilet and Desk Articles, 12 kinds, 25c and 50c.
Ebenoid Handle Toilet and Desk Articles, 10 kinds, 19c. each.
Rogers Silver Plated Knives and Forks $1.69 set.
Sterling Silver Hair Brushes 1.95 to 2.50.
Sterling Silver Combs 50c to 75c.
Pocket Books, 100 kinds, 5 cents to 2.50 each.
Sterling Silver Bracelets 25c to 95 cents.
Brooches 10c to 2.50 piece.
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Pictures 10 and 25 cents.
10c Table Fancy Goods.

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the best and biggest assortment ever shown in our store.
Childrens' Umbrellas 50 cents to 1.00.
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Compare our goods with anything you find in stores in the city or in our town. We think we can equal any of them, 1c to 1.00 each. Dozens of kinds.
Fur Collars 1.45 to 9.50.
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Ladies' Coats 5.00 18.00.
Ladies' Capes 3.95 to 15.00.
Childrens' Coats, $1.98 to $10.00.
Ladies' Mackintoshes 4.50.
Blankets 50c to 7.50 a pair
Silk Waists 2.95 to 5.95.
5c Table Fancy Goods.

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A very large line of lamps suitable for a Christmas present at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Harry Ent and Miss Harriet Major, both employees of Hotel Ent, were quietly married at the Reformed parsonage Wednesday morning by Rev. J. D. Thomas. Harry's many friends are extending felicitations.

We are pleased to note a great improvement in the condition of William C. Snyder, of East street. In the forepart of last week Mr. Snyder had an operation performed upon his nose. Medical skill could not stop the flow of blood, caused by the incision, and it was feared that he would bleed to death. Friday and Saturday his life was despaired of. On Sunday, however, he rallied, and since that time he has been gradually growing stronger.

Among the many pretty windows on Main street is that of John R. Townsend, at the Star Clothing House. Tiny electric lights, of many colors, border the windows, and in the lower one is the figure of a little boy holding a hoop in his hands. Inside the hoop are incandescent lamps, so arranged by mechanism as to make the lights come on and off in sections of three, which gives the hoop the appearance of turning in the boy's hands. Crowds of people watch it nightly. Eugene McCabe made the electric attachments. The windows are full of holiday goods, and present a very attractive appearance.

H. W. Billington, who, for several months has been a resident of Catawissa, was gathered in by the authorities and lodged in jail yesterday morning, charged with having committed a burglary in West Virginia. He was absent from Catawissa a short time ago, and it was during this period that the crime was committed. Billington, if he speaks the truth, came from the far west. He was never short of money. He would frequently display large rolls of bills. His discovery and arrest is said to have resulted from a confession of one of his coadjutors in crime. He will be held to await a requisition from the Governor of the above mentioned State.

The largest and most beautiful line of holiday goods that we have seen is on exhibition at J. H. Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

It would be well, at this time, to caution our residents to keep a strict watch on the poultry pen until after the holidays. Every year just about this time the newspapers chronicle the depredations by poultry thieves. They are always especially active at this season of the year. Keep your shot gun handy and aim good when the time comes.

The Normal School Students' Excursion, in charge of Dr. J. P. Welsh, with about 127 in the party, pulled out from the P. & R. station bright and early Monday morning. It was just seven o'clock when the throttle of the locomotive was thrown open, and the merry excursionists were soon lost to view. All the principal points of interest in the Capitol will be visited. If the schedule is carried out, they will arrive home Friday night.

Fire Department Elect Officers.

The four companies composing the Bloomsburg Fire Department elected officers Monday evening to serve for the ensuing year. There was no interest shown in the election of any of the officers save that of Chief Engineer. For this place there were three candidates, S. H. Harman, W. H. Coffman, and Moyer Lewis. The second named was the regular nominee, the other two being independents. The balloting began promptly at six o'clock and continued until eight. The election board consisted of Mayor Ikeler and a representative from each of the four companies. A count of the vote gave the following result: Harman, 77; Coffman 20; and Lewis, 14. Arthur Smith, of the Good Wills, was elected 1st Assistant Chief; Jacob Stiner, Friendship, 2nd Assistant; and Elijah Shutt, Rescue, 3rd assistant.

William May, the retiring Chief has performed his duties well. The newly elected officers will take charge January 1st.

License Blanks.

License blanks for Hotel, Restaurant, Wholesaler, Bottler, Distiller, for sale at this office, 10 cents each, 3 for 25 cents. 4t

At Tooley & Co.'s, for

CHRISTMAS

Oranges, bananas, sweet potatoes, nuts, pecans and cranberries. Also plum pudding and fruit cake. Call and see us.

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Leg Crushed by Heavy Wagon.

While descending a steep hill with a heavily loaded log wagon, near Elk Run, Thursday last, a very serious accident befell Lloyd Vansickle. The chain, holding the rough lock, broke, and the team, unable to hold back the great weight, started to run down. The young man, realizing that it meant death to stay on the wagon, made a leap. He chose the upper side of the road, unfortunately, and rolled down underneath the wagon. One leg was horribly mangled, below the knee. He was taken to Central, where he was relieved as much as possible. He was brought to Bloomsbure on the evening train and taken to Wilkes-Barre, where he will be treated at the hospital. He is about eighteen years old and a son of Jerry Vansickle, of Central.

John Packer Haas, a prominent resident of of Sunbury, died at his residence in that place on Friday. Mr. Haas was quite a factor in politics. Two years ago he received the endorsement of Northumberland County Republicans for Congress, but withdrew in favor of W. H. Woodin. Mr. Haas was a brother to Mrs. W. H. Purman of Third Street, this town.

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Failed in the Second Attempt.

A young man, who, judging from his appearance, is a few years past the age of maturity, was caught in an attempt to procure money on a forged check at the First National Bank on Monday. A few months ago this trick was successfully worked at the First National Bank. This check bearing the signature of a Mr. Hons was presented and the money paid. The amount, however, was small. The paper was subsequently discovered to be a forgery. The appearance of the individual had impressed itself on the mind of the bank teller Eugene F. Carpenter, and when the check was handed in for payment on Monday he at once recognized the bearer as the man who had handed in the former forged check. In order to be sure that he was right, Mr. Carpenter hurried to the Bloomsburg National Bank and summoned Morris Broadt, who had also paid a forged note, supposed to have been written by one J. M. Fairchild, of Berwick. Mr. Broadt identified the fellow on first glance. He was at once arrested and on being charged with the crime he broke down and confessed. He gave his name as John Cole, and his residence as Berwick. He also stated that he was a son of John Cole, a farmer, residing in Berwick. The check he attempted to pass on Monday bore the signature of J. M. Fairchild and the amount $125.00. It had the name of J. B. McHenry on the back as an identification endorsement. The money secured on the first check was expended, he said, to purchase furniture with which to go to housekeeping. He can now occupy one of the easy chairs at the bastile.